

We Are Still Rich In Opportunity

Mr. John Aird, President of The Canadian Bank of Commerce, and Mr. S. H. Logan, General Manager, Address Annual Meeting of Shareholders

THE LARGER BACKGROUND OF CANADIAN ECONOMY IS PROGRESS

The Bank in an Even Stronger Position Than a Year Ago — Quick Assets 50 Per Cent of Public Liabilities

Mr. John Aird, the President, Said in Part:

Back of all the immediate causes of depression are the disintegrating forces released by the war and its settlement. The remaking of the map of Europe added 7,000 miles of tariff walls, behind which new industries were established based on extreme nationalist ideals rather than sound economics. Tariff-making, extending to practically every commodity and adopted by almost every country in the world, developed to such an extent that the 1927 World Economic Conference urged that it be ended, an admonition that might have been heeded. The United States had not shortly afterward undertaken to raise its tariff, nations have sought to prosper at the expense of, instead of in co-operation with, each other.

GOLD'S USEFUL PURPOSE

The world's monetary system as a whole could have held the general price level at least one-third higher than in 1913, for until 1928 the operation of the gold reserves of both Great Britain and the United States was so efficient, even in the face of tariff restraint upon trade, as to diffuse capital and credit throughout the world and so maintain distribution of goods in pace with their production. From 1928, however, the large gold takings of the United States and France have served no useful purpose in international trade.

SOUNDNESS OF CANADIAN BANKING SYSTEM

It is a real cause for thankfulness that while severe financial storms raged in Continental Europe, Great Britain and the United States, the Canadian banking structure has stood firm and unshaken.

STABILITY OF BRANCH BANKING

Canadian banks, through adherence to sound principles of banking, not only in the extension of credit, but in the maintenance of strong liquid reserves, have saved this country from serious financial disturbance, and present again an illustration of the stability of the branch banking system in times of world depression, not less marked than its flexibility and adaptability to all reasonable requirements in periods of expansion.

EMPIRE POSSIBILITIES AND RESERVES

More closely united, the British Empire could be a powerful force in restoring normal trade. If need be, the Empire could establish a monetary system of its own, but it also could re-establish unaided a gold standard. The Empire now furnishes each year about three-quarters of the world's new supply of gold and it might, if circumstances warranted, and as has been the case in the past with South Africa, gold, exercise first claim upon this production for years to come. It is safe to surmise that most, if not all, of any reduced output from the Rand will be made up by Canada, to hold to my prediction, expressed a few months ago through the press, that the value of Canadian gold production will be about 100 million dollars ten years hence, almost double that for 1931.

CANADA'S GOLD OUTPUT

Canada's gold production has proven and will continue to be a factor of inestimable value to the Dominion in enabling us to redress our international trade balances, and in meeting the burden of our external obligations in a period when fresh borrowing is practically prohibited owing to prevailing credit conditions in foreign money markets.

WORLD PROBLEMS

Each nation has a host of problems of its own, interwoven with and bearing upon those of universal character. But if these problems seem greater than ever before there is a larger fund of experience and, I hope, a higher intelligence to draw upon. Early settlement of the immediate problems, those concerning reparations, war debts and the financial safety of Central Europe, depend largely upon public opinion in France and the United States. It should be quite apparent to all, and to France in particular, that revision of reparations is justified, first, because a sharp decline in the general price level has made the Young Plan more burdensome than the Dawes Plan, and secondly, because a nation like Germany cannot be kept impoverished without serious injury to her neighbors.

It is, however, encouraging to reflect that the causes of all these difficulties are becoming more fully and more widely understood, and that the best intellects in the realms of statesmanship, commerce and finance are engaged upon the problem of their amelioration.

CANADIAN AGRICULTURE

The agricultural community has borne the brunt of depression in Canada, but has made the greatest progress towards overcoming it. Responding to the appeal to diversify their practice as much as possible, the prairie farmers have added considerably to their holdings of hogs and sheep, and slightly increased those of cattle during 1931. Butter production expanded by at

least 25 per cent. The most notable achievement, however—though it may have been forced economy—was in grain production costs other than fixed charges, which, according to special reports made to the bank, show a reduction in some cases of as much as 50 per cent since 1929, and on the average about one-third.

THE FARMER'S PROBLEMS

The farmer, of course, has not yet overcome all his problems. The grain market prospects are reported to the Bank by some of the best authorities as brighter than a year ago, but there are important qualifying factors, namely, that wheat is a political element of the first order, particularly in Europe, where the desire for independence of the overseas product is still strong, and where the financial situation is still precarious. The most definite factors which favor the Canadian grower, at least as far as the current year is concerned, are large acreage reductions in other exporting countries, first in Argentina and Australia, and more recently in the United States.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING

The long-range view of the grain markets is, however, still so uncertain as to demand increasing attention to all possible diversification of farming in the West, and otherwise to the strengthening of agriculture in that part of the country, through such measures as the formation of the Dominion Agricultural Credit Company Limited, by the railway companies, the banks and other institutions. The requirements are not only for as much self-sufficiency as a farmer can attain, but for the greater use of low grade grains for conversion into live stock, dairy and poultry products, first, to displace imports of grains, and secondly, to rebuild on a large scale the export trade in meat and butter which we lost some years ago. What an opportunity we missed then! Witness the fact that the per capita consumption of butter in Great Britain increased between 1913 and 1928 from about ten pounds to nearly fifteen pounds; of beef from twenty-two to thirty-three pounds; and of bacon and ham from fourteen to twenty-three pounds.

PRICES AND PURCHASING POWER

There is a challenge in the farmer's record of the last two years to those who supply him with goods. According to a special analysis based upon the actual value of agricultural products the farmer's purchasing power has declined by more than one-third since 1929, while the spread between the general level of raw material prices and that of the prices of manufactured goods in Canada is greater than in a number of other countries. The history of prices will probably repeat itself and raw materials rise somewhat in value, but the purchasing power of the farmer will not be restored to normal until retail prices are lowered still further, and the responsibility for which rests both upon labor and its employer. The general attitude of labor has been conciliatory and the actions of certain trade unions in accepting, even in offering to accept, lower rates is greatly to be commended, but there is still much to be done before the cost of goods can be reduced and they are again within easy reach of the farmer.

LOWER COSTS

Apart from the steep decline in the farmer's income, there has been a depreciation in capital of about 20 per cent during this depression, a figure arrived at by comparing the capitalization shown in the balance sheets of fifty companies with the recent value of this as shown in stock market quotations. In effect, if the public had to raise up its investment in these companies it would receive 30 per cent less than it put into them. Therefore, the greatest hope for labor is a widening of the market for the goods it produces, and that expansion can come through lower costs which would benefit labor, as they would all other classes.

CANADA'S RESOURCES

The larger background of Canadian economy is progress, though the vivid pattern of depression shows up at times. Our prairie land is one of the four great grain belts on the globe, and while its climatic conditions are against even yields and it is far from the seaboard, its average yield per acre of the best bread wheat is higher than the world average of all wheats. We make sparing use of our iron ranges and coal beds, the latter estimated to contain one-sixth of the world's reserves of this fuel, only because there are cheaper and more convenient sources elsewhere. Our forests, the second largest in the world, are the scene of the most advanced manufacture of wood, a material which has two thousand known uses, and a possible range of twice that number. Not only are our mines among the leading producers, but their ore bodies are either so large or so rich that they are in a preferred position. For example, the world's average copper content in the known ore reserves is two per cent, while that in the deposits of Canada is about three per cent, and according to a noted American authority the major lead-silver producer in this country should be the least affected by depression.

RICH IN OPPORTUNITY

Natural forces will triumph over all attempts to defeat them and a country like this will again surge forward. Depression, instead of proving fatal to business initiative, will develop an incentive to invention and management.

The pressure of economic forces and the attractions of the younger commercial nations, like Canada, will cause a new wave of migration from overcrowded countries. There is no other part of the world that stands to gain more from the operation of these forces than ours. We are still rich in opportunity.

So, I reaffirm my faith in Canada. It is a faith based not upon mere patriotic motives, but mainly upon the more than sixty years that I have spent as a servant of business and finance, which has been a period of great, though occasionally interrupted, progress. I envy those Canadians who have a lease on the next half century, for they will see their country advance to a still higher place in world business.

Mr. S. H. Logan, the General Manager, Said in Part:

The General Manager, in referring to the financial statement presented to the shareholders which showed, he said, the bank to be in an even stronger position than a year ago, stressed the high degree of liquidity which characterized the statement and which had evoked favorable comment from financial observers in both Canada and the United States. The ratio of the quick assets to public liabilities had been increased from 55 to 57 per cent, of which nearly 20 per cent were cash holdings and bank balances, and that of quick assets to all liabilities from 50 to 51 per cent. With full provision for all bad and doubtful debts the net profits for the year were \$4,775,000, and after payment of the regular 12 per cent dividend and the customary appropriations, there had been carried into the current year a slightly larger surplus than a year ago.

Mr. Logan then said:

A bank is called upon to perform two functions, which it is the business of the bank's management to correlate, its deposits and its liabilities, and the other of financial and commercial service in lending these funds for useful ends. There is no question in my mind but that the first is the primary duty. It has always been a principle of Canadian banking, and one which has never yet been broken with impunity, that a high percentage of the funds committed to a bank shall be available immediately or at short notice, and that its commercial loans shall be subject to prompt and periodic liquidation. For this reason I have stressed the high ratio of our quick assets to our liabilities.

CANADIAN AND WORLD INDUSTRY

In Canada the reduction in industrial output in the past year was relatively less than in some of the major manufacturing countries. The decline in 1931 was about 17 per cent, as compared with 20 per cent in 1930, while the fall in the general price level was 12 per cent, as compared with 18 per cent in 1930. In agriculture we have had to contend with lower prices and smaller grain crops in the West, but the latter were at least well above those expected early in the growing season, and those of Eastern and Central Canada were generally satisfactory.

Turning to primary industries, apart from agriculture, the world production of lumber was about 30 per cent less than in 1930, that of the United States declining nearly one-third, that of Northern Europe—Russia and Scandinavia—and Baltic countries about one-quarter and that of Canada between 20 and 25 per cent. From preliminary reports it appears that the world output of newsprint declined by only six per cent, a fairly large decrease in some European countries being partly offset by the increase in Sweden and Finland, while production in the United States dropped by 10 per cent and in Canada by 12 per cent.

CANADIAN AND WORLD MINING

It is in the sphere of world mining that Canada shows to the best advantage. As is well known, this country is a gold producing nation, with a production value in 1931, is now the second largest producer of the yellow metal. But this fact assumes greater significance if it is considered that our gold mines, by increasing their output by over 500,000 fine ounces, have been mainly responsible for a larger world supply than in 1930. A continued rise in Canadian gold production is most probable, for, taking into account only those properties upon which development is well advanced, the proven ore reserves have an estimated value of at least \$200,000,000, and the potential for increase is enormous. Apart from gold, silver, copper, nickel, and other minerals are produced in Canada. The production of lead declined proportionately, that of copper was reduced by only 4 per cent and that of zinc by 12 per cent.

WORLD TRADE

During 1931 the decline in the volume of world exports was about 10 per cent. Sweden, the United States, Great Britain, India and Canada showing, in the order named, the largest losses. In volume of imports the most marked reductions were in Germany, Poland, Canada, Italy and the United States, again in the order named.

An unfavorable visible balance in Canadian foreign trade of over 100 million dollars for 1930 has been reduced to less than ten millions.

In volume, imports fell by about 25 per cent, and exports by nearly 30 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Trade does not thrive under such unstable exchange conditions as now exist throughout the world and no general one country has much, if any, advantage over another. It should be a matter of national pride that this country, of necessity in the past a large importer, has been able to meet its external debts, increased by the premium on American funds, at a time when at least two billion dollars of other foreign government securities and interest payments are in default, and also that following large scale liquidation of securities those issued by the Government stand among the highest on the New York quotation list.

LOOKING AHEAD

Canada not only has a comparatively good business record during the last two years, but having entered this period of depression somewhat earlier than most other countries is probably further advanced in the readjustment required in such times as the present. We may, therefore, be nearer to better conditions than is generally realized, though frankly, I cannot say just when prosperity will return.

No scheme of things is perpetual, and prosperity will again come to those who earn it by thrift and persistent efforts to improve efficiency.

The Trail of Higher Education?



DISCOVERY OF OLD TOMB IN SOUTH MEXICO STARTS TREASURE EXCITEMENT

Associated Press

Oaxaca City, Mexico, Jan. 19.—A new "gold fever," akin to that which brought the conquistadores across the Atlantic and turned Spanish commoners into golden knights almost exactly forty years ago, swept the whole of the Oaxaca Valley to-day.

Following the discovery of a forgotten tomb of a group of ancient Mixtec nobles last week and the uncovering of millions of dollars' worth of gold and jewels, the belief grew among the people to-day that further fabulous treasures await the excavators' spades and picks.

A party of the government's principal archaeologists has arrived to study the treasure, which is now under heavy military guard.

Excavation work in other places around the king's tomb is being pushed in an effort to turn up further treasure before the work is halted a month from now by exhaustion of the rainy season.

FIFTEEN-YEAR SENTENCE FOR STEALING APPLE

New York, Jan. 19.—Paul Sweeney, twenty-four, who committed a burglary in which the loot was an apple, was sentenced here yesterday to fifteen years in the state prison.

Sweeney entered the apartment of Miss Francis Milburn on Park Avenue. Found sitting in the kitchen eating an apple, he said hunger had driven him to it.

Judge Donnellan said the sentence was mandatory, but he would approve freedom for Sweeney after five years.

Unusual Scene At Warsaw Station

Warsaw, Jan. 19.—A near riot occurred in a Warsaw railway station yesterday when Reb Alter, a prominent Polish Rabbi, departed for Palestine with his family and a number of disciples.

One person was crushed to death, seven were badly injured and many others were bruised as about 6,000 of the rabbi's admirers struggled frantically to touch him in passing. A large number of the rabbi's admirers formed around him and officials dared not signal the train to move for fear of killing scores. A hundred extra police were called to protect the rabbi from being injured by his friends.

BEER SALES DECREASE

Ottawa, Jan. 19 (Canadian Press).—Canadians in 1930 spent a good deal less on beer than in 1929. At least there was considerably less brewed, which may be taken as an indication of lower consumption. A report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows the value of the production of the breweries in 1929 was \$62,289,901, and in 1930 it declined to \$57,721,089.

VERCHERE FUNERAL

Ladysmith, Jan. 19.—A large number of friends paid their last respects to the late Arthur Gailillard Verchere, whose funeral was held Sunday afternoon from St. John's Anglican Church. Rev. G. Stevenson officiated at the church and graveside, and the following acted as pallbearers: W. A. Cullen, J. Harris, J. Rodger, W. Baud, G. Thompson and D. Davidson.

TEMPE FUNERAL

Nanaimo, Jan. 19.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Emma Tempe was held from the Jenkins' Chapel Saturday afternoon, Rev. J. Bewick officiating. The service was held under the auspices of the women of the Moose. The pallbearers were: A. E. Pianta, J. Laherwood, C. Reifel, O. Eby, J. B. Nicholson and J. Lewis.

GOLD DOLLAR TO STAY SOUND

No Debasement to Be Permitted, U.S. Banking Spokesman Warns World

New York, Jan. 19.—The United States will stand for no debasing of the United States gold dollar, and the world should know it, asserted a high banking authority.

He said the European newspapers were raising false cry over the country's possibility of currency inflation in the United States, and had given the gravest misinterpretation to the programme of United States financial leaders to arrest wholesale deflation of credit.

"We could not have deflation arrested if we wanted it," he said. "The United States Government and its banking system," he stated, "are in splendid position to meet any sudden call from foreigners for gold that might arise, but nevertheless it cooperates to correct false impressions which have been widely scattered throughout all of Europe."

While the country's banking leaders were not waiting again to face an international run for gold, he said that the country is just as well prepared to meet it to-day as it was in the feverish financial days following the English abandonment of the gold standard last October.

Incorporation Of Tofino Settlement

Tofino, Jan. 19.—Inauguration of the village of Tofino was effected in the Legion Hall January 16. Jacob Arnet, chairman of the commissioners, presided. Commissioner J. P. Cooper read the proclamation by the Lieutenant-Governor, formally declaring the settlement of Tofino a village municipality from January 1, 1932. The proclamation appoints Jacob Arnet, E. F. Guppy, and J. P. Cooper acting commissioners to act till the regular election, which is set for March 26.

The letters patent granting the charter give the corporation full authority over all affairs and taxation for the district, with the exception of where the School Act applies and maintenance of the main highway running through the settlement.

The commissioners have agreed that for this year taxes will be as already levied under the provincial government, and advice was received from the provincial collector that any taxes already paid for 1932 would be paid over to the municipality. April 14 was set as the date for the court of revision to sit. W. Armitage was appointed clerk and assessor for the municipality.

Under the terms of the Village Municipality Act, the local administration will preserve, in addition to the regular property taxes, trade license fees, motor fees, dog tax, proportion of liquor and racing profits and all other revenues enjoyed by other municipalities.

Four Persons Lose Lives in Explosion

Pawtucket, R.I., Jan. 19.—Four lives are feared to have been lost in an explosion which wrecked a three-family dwelling here early to-day.

Three other persons, members of one family, escaped death by the mere chance. The cause of the explosion, which, with the accompanying fire, reduced the house to wreckage within fifteen minutes, could not be determined.

Those unaccounted for are Mr. and Mrs. Fortunado Malera, their daughter, a Malerian, eight, third floor tenants, and an eighteen-year-old girl who boarded with them.

Intensive work in breeding drought-resistant and hardy forage crops suitable for Western Canada will be the principal function of the Dominion forage crops laboratory, established at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

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CHINA BOYCOTT COSTS MILLIONS

Canadian Press

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Throughout China a boycott exists against everything Japanese and it cost Japan \$20,000,000 in trade in September, the first month it was applied, C. A. Bowman, editor of the Ottawa Citizen and delegate to the Institute of Pacific Relations held at Shanghai last year, told a local service club.

The audience included the Japanese minister to Canada, H. Okagawa and Tschun L. Chinese consul-general.

TWO LETHBRIDGE THUGS HUNTED

Canadian Press

Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 19.—Police to-day were searching for two youthful bandits who robbed the Terminal Garage here yesterday evening and wounded the proprietor, Albert Maxwell. The young robbers obtained \$50 from the till and \$30 from two customers present during the hold-up.

Police believed Maxwell was the victim of the young hold-up men, nervous. The robbers held Maxwell and the two other men at bay with revolvers, and suddenly one of them fired and Maxwell dropped with a bullet in the shoulder. The robbers fled in an automobile.

LONG TRIAL IN GERMANY ENDS

Associated Press

Luebeck, Germany, Jan. 19.—Prison sentences ranging from one to three years were demanded by the prosecutor to-day for three physicians connected with negligent homicide in connection with the deaths of seventy-six infants last year after the administration of anti-tuberculosis serum.

The trial of the case began October 11, 1931. The accused are local physicians and the court was called on to decide whether the deaths were due to negligence or to biological transformation of the culture.

WANTS RULING HE IS CITIZEN OF BERMUDA

Canadian Press

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 19, Cecil James Scott, twenty-nine-year-old negro whose exclusion by Canada and Bermuda led to his becoming known as "the man without a country," will press his claims to Bermudian citizenship, it was understood here to-day. A Halifax law firm has been retained to act in Scott's behalf.

He returned to this port, whence he had been deported on the steamer Broadland a month ago, aboard the same ship Saturday, and was turned over to local immigration officials, who had been instructed by Ottawa to detain him here until his nationality was established.

STATE LIQUOR CONTROL

Washington, Jan. 19.—A proposed constitutional amendment to permit states to take prohibition or leave it alone was introduced yesterday by Senator Tydings, Democrat, Maryland. He said it had been "prepared by an organization of unusual standing and passed on by some of the best lawyers of our state."

A memorandum he submitted with it bore the letterhead of the "Local Self-government League," Baltimore. It would provide state option by popular vote.

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OUR LUMBER AND RUSSIA

BRITISH COLUMBIA IS ESPECIALLY interested in a report from London that there is a likelihood of British importers concluding a deal with the Soviet government for the purchase of one billion feet of soft wood at six dollars a thousand feet less than the price the mills of this province could deliver it to the British market.

High Commissioner Howard Ferguson and others are endeavoring to impress the British government with the serious effect this practical exclusion of British Columbia soft wood from the Old Country market would have upon this province's lumber industry. We are told, moreover, that heads of important firms in the lumber business in Britain who are opposed to trading with Russia are lending their support to the Canadian protest. But it appears that under the commercial agreements between Britain and the Soviet, lumber imports can not be banned at once; nor do they come within the scope of the recently-passed anti-dumping law. Six months' notice must be given of any intention to terminate the arrangement, and then, if thought desirable, the ban could follow. It also is pointed out that even this would not be sufficient to give Canada any benefit, since both Finland and Sweden are the Dominion's keenest competitors and the prohibition of Soviet lumber would enable them to raise prices against British consumers, as they have done in former times, and still undersell the Canadian product.

There is naturally a division of opinion among the timber importers of the Old Country as to what should be done under the circumstances of this threat to the business which Canada has been laboriously building up during the last ten years. One section would exclude Russian lumber from the British market altogether and impose a preferential tariff in favor of the British Columbia product as part of the trade bargain to be made at the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa. Another section of the industry is putting up just as strong a fight against any interference with imports of timber from Russia. It argues that the price at which it has been possible to purchase the Soviet product has meant cheaper lumber for British house builders when they most needed it.

It is to be hoped the publicity which is being given by Canadian interests in Britain to this matter will result in appropriate action by the British government as soon as such action may be taken. If the proposed deal with the Soviet shall go through, however, it is apparent that Britain's orders to British Columbia mills this year will be seriously curtailed. The case in point, incidentally, is another reminder of some of the difficulties that will have to be squarely faced at the Imperial Economic Conference.

MAKING RESTITUTION

A MAN WALKED INTO AN EASTERN drug store the other day and insisted on giving the manager fifty cents. He explained that the store had given him fifty cents too much change upwards of two years ago, and it had been preying on his mind ever since; so, having given it due thought, he finally came in and made restitution.

Little incidents of this kind are not uncommon. Almost every storekeeper has experienced them. Public officials are forever getting tiny sums from conscience-stricken citizens who got away with something on their tax bills a decade or more ago. It happens all the time.

But the funny thing is that it is almost always on such picaresque little wrongs that conscience does its most effective work. When a man decides to make restitution for some long-dead misdeed, the total cash involved is generally something under five dollars. We seem better able to live with mortal sins than with venial faults.

This, very likely, is due to a queer quirk in human nature; a quirk that enables us to get along with our consciences by picking out for atonement some perfectly trifling peccadillo that our creditor has long since forgotten. Paying an ancient fifty-cent debt is a kind of salve that eases the smart of much larger debts which never will be paid.

It may be that that is simply our way of recognizing that we are helpless. For the really damaging mistakes that we make—the bits of folly and blindness that keep us awake nights—are things for which we can never, by any means, make restitution. The friendship that we shattered, years ago, the youth whose ideals we carelessly demolished, the person whose life we helped to make bitter by prejudice or misunderstanding—these things we can not remedy. To try to turn back the clock is foolish; to try to set right an old wrong is, in many cases, equally futile.

So we pick out some little thing, put it right, and hope that conscience will be appeased.

NOT THE CASE AT ALL

IF THE MORNING PAPER IS ON SOUND ground in its charge that the discounting of the Canadian dollar in the United States is due to the machinations of the United States government or financial interests, then the discounting of the British pound in Canada must similarly be due to the machinations of the Canadian government or financial interests.

Economic conditions, of course, account for the discount of the dollar in the United States and the pound in Canada. But if the Canadian government would pursue policies calculated to improve trade instead of policies that are continually contracting trade, the Canadian dollar in the United States soon would be worth one hundred cents again.

Incidentally, during the administration of Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian dollar was always worth one hundred cents in the United States—and on several occasions it was at a premium!

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

ONE OF THE POINTS REVEALED IN the memorandum the British millers recently presented to the National Government at Westminster on the subject of the proposed wheat quota was that Canadian flour is sold at a lower price in the United Kingdom than it is in Canada. The Toronto Telegram, a warm supporter of the present government at Ottawa, thinks the Canadian people would be interested to learn why this should be the case; and it argues that "governmental inquiry followed by appropriate action would seem to be called for," as "in times such as the present especially there should be no appearance of fixed prices that are unfair to the public."

It is difficult to understand why flour in Britain manufactured from wheat grown in Canada should be sold to the consumer over there at a lower price than it is sold to the consumer in this country. "Certainly," our eastern contemporary continues, "the cost of transportation must be added to the price that is charged the British people and, if after this is done, the price to the British consumer is still lower than the price to the Canadian consumer, it would appear that the latter is being made to pay more than he properly should." Well, the Telegram is probably in close touch with government circles at Ottawa—and it never loses an opportunity of saying nice things about the Prime Minister—so it might be doing the Canadian consumer of Canadian flour a good turn by pressing for the inquiry and appropriate action it considers desirable.

ROSENWALD'S WISDOM

ONE OF THE FINEST THINGS THE late Julius Rosenwald did for his country was to preach and act against the establishment of perpetual trusts.

Himself one of the greatest givers the United States has ever had, he had the wisdom to see that times change from generation to generation, and that it can be highly risky to tie up a huge sum of money for all time to be devoted to one specific cause. He felt that a charitable bequest should not exist from generation to generation, under the rule of a dead hand; instead, he preferred to see such a fund spend its money and do its work with comparative rapidity, leaving to future givers the problems of future times.

Mr. Rosenwald thus not only gave lavishly, but gave wisely as well. His country has suffered a profound loss in his death.

Sir Arthur Currie's speech in New York on Saturday—referred to in these columns yesterday—contained a few figures dealing with the toll of the war which ended in 1918 that will bear repeating. There were 11,000,000 killed, and if they were buried side by side the graveyard would extend almost across the continent; 9,000,000 war orphans; 5,000,000 war widows; 20,000,000 helpless, wounded, broken men; and 50,000,000 starving unemployed. In the background of this picture, Sir Arthur reminded his audience, were ruins of churches, buildings, and humane institutions which had been constructed by the toil and sacrifice of centuries. This is the picture which the statesmen who will go to the disarmament conference next month should keep constantly before them.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

AT THE UNION MISSION
The Ottawa Citizen

A share of the money contributed by the civil service for the relief of unemployment conditions is to be allotted to the Union Mission of Ottawa. One contributor decided to find out for himself how the relief work is being conducted. Garbed in old tattered clothes he applied one evening for supper. He told the clerk at the desk that he was from Montreal and without any money. According to an account of the interview furnished to The Ottawa Citizen, the clerk noticed that the applicant for relief was scantily clad, so he said, "Call at the office after supper and I will give you a coat." The free meal furnished consisted of meat, hot mashed potatoes, bread, butter and tea—all in generous portions, and served under most sanitary conditions. The Citizen's informant says that after supper he requested to see the sleeping quarters and again he was greatly impressed by the cleanliness and order on all sides. He says, "If ever destitute I now know where I could obtain food, clothing and shelter without money." Incidentally as long ago as 1913 an associate editor of The Citizen made the same kind of unannounced visit to the Union Mission accompanied by a very severe critic who wanted to show the Mission up. But the newspaperman had the same experience as the civil servant, finding the food adequate, although plainer at that time.

ENGLISH JUDGES AND AMERICAN
The New York Times

Among the severe economies proposed in the British budget is a twenty per cent cut in the salaries of the judges of the High Court. They have been making representations to the Lord Chancellor in protest against this plan. Their fixed stipend is about \$25,000 a year, of which they already have to pay something like a third in income tax. They point out that other public servants—including members of Parliament—are to be reduced in their salaries by only nineteen per cent, and ask why the discrimination.

The incident reminds us of the difference between British and American practice, or law, in this matter. Our federal judges are fully protected against any such slash in their salaries. The Constitution of the United States declares that "The Judges . . . shall at stated times receive for their services a compensation which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office." The reason for this provision is obvious. It prevents Congress, for example, from holding a threat of reducing their pay over the head of judges whose decisions it does not like.

This case is but one illustration of the view of a "vested interest" which the British maintain, so different from that of the United States.

THE NEXT WAR
—EXCHANGE

The Christian Science Monitor has an article on the horrors of a possible "next war," and publishes the description given by Elmer Sperry Jr. of the radio controlled airplane. That well-known inventor observes:

"Say you want to destroy an ammunition depot 500 miles away.

"A big gun could not do it, but an aerial torpedo could. You would simply fit a cheap plane with a robot pilot and some other gadgets, and load it with explosive. Then one dark night it would take off by itself with another plane following controlling it by radio.

"When the flying bomb reached the depot, down it would plunge, blowing everything off the map. Then the human pilot could fly back and sit down to breakfast.

"Launch several hundred such ships into the air, head them for the enemy's capital and have them loaded with poison gases as well as high explosives, and even the very statesmen who started the war could not escape."

Loose Ends

In the cold grey dawn—with-out breakfast or anything to put into this column—Mr. Beak says outgrows things—and there are fairies in our garden.

By R. B. W.

IT IS A HORRIBLE feeling to get up early these dark mornings, but you who have only to get up and go to work can have no idea of its real horror. If you want to know the real horror of getting up early these mornings you must get up early and fill a column like this before breakfast. If you want to know the hardships which we pioneers out in the wilderness suffer these mornings, you must be obliged to fill a column like this before breakfast and have absolutely nothing to fill it with. On a morning like this, in the grey dawn, with snow on the roof and rain pelting down here, with a whole column to fill before breakfast, and nothing to fill it with—on such a morning one envies George Pudding milking his cows in the barn, or Alex Beak feeding his white chickens. Cows and chickens are so much more appreciative of one's efforts on a morning like this than the readers of this column are likely to be.

THE RESPONSIBILITY of filling a column like this before breakfast weighs heavily on the soul, almost makes you forget about breakfast altogether. I mean, if this column isn't filled somehow and driven to town with the first hour, the consequences will be appalling. Indeed, even now, the foreman of the composing-room will be looking at his watch, saying unkind things about me and puffing fiercely on those eight-cylinders cigars which make the mortality rate among printers so high. If this column isn't finished before breakfast, little children will cry themselves to sleep when they see the paper to-night, old men will stagger to bed broken-hearted and statesmen won't know what to do to save the country on the morrow. It is an awful responsibility on a grey morning like this. Altogether it is a cheerless business, saving the world on an empty stomach.

JUST AS I despair of saving it at all, along comes Mr. Beak, having fed his chickens. He may have something printable to say, though most of his remarks are quite unprintable. "I see the vertical movement of his upper and the horizontal movement of his lower which denote deep thought," I see by the papers as a Victoria member of the Legislature was 'auled up by the police for parkin' of 'is car too long down down somewhere. So when they 'auled this fellow up, d'yer know what 'e done? Well, he looked up the law, and sure enough the law says you can't arrest a member of the Legislature forty days before and forty days after the Legislature meets. So the police 'ad to turn 'im loose on the defenceless public again. The idea of the law is that the meditations of legislators is too important to be interrupted just when they is about to legislate. If the meditations of most of 'em was interrupted permanent I don't think the country 'ud be ruined or anything. If they park their cars over town for six weeks instead of at the Parliament Building's we'd probably be better off. They can't do no harm over town."

WELL, SAID Mr. Beak, "It's a funny law hanyhow. It ain't that they is just exempt from traffic rules. You can't arrest legislators for anything. You can't even touch 'em for what they do at the session. I dare say 'e has just parked his car in the 'em 'durin' and after the session 'till the public had forgot about it. Hanyow, you can't fine 'em fer parkin' more'n an hour 'over town and you can't even fine 'em fer parkin' eight weeks 'over the Bay. No, by gosh, I see by the papers as it costs the taxpayers twenty-five cents a second, \$15 a minute and \$900 an hour. I have seen 'em legislate. Two bits a second while a skunk in parliamentry language! Two bits a second when it takes five seconds to move the mace, or one dollar and twenty-five per move. The price of a shave every time the Speaker calls 'em to order. Wot I mean to say is just this—well, his hit worth his. But what really makes me leaf is to think of 'im as 'a member of the Legislature merely fer parkin' too long, after all he must 'ave done over the Bay! It's like them harrestin' Al Capone fer not payin' 'is income tax."

AFTER MR. BEAK comes the little girl from next door in her blue raincoat and blue hat, with a little blue book in her hand. That is her fairy book, and I ought to know, because she brings it over here at the most inconvenient hours to have it read to her. This is the little fairy book which somebody sent to her at Christmas through this column. I hope the anonymous donor is reading this and realizes that the gift is appreciated; more by the little girl than by me. Anyway, since the little girl from next door received this book, we have heard a lot about fairies. Having to read to her before breakfast and at odd times during the day, I have become quite an expert on fairies. I know all about gnomes and pixies and boggies (what are boggies, anyway? The book doesn't say) and sometimes, before breakfast, for instance, when I have a whole column to fill, I wish the anonymous donor hadn't sent the book at all.

YES, WE HAVE fairies in our garden ever since we started to read this book together. "There was a whole bunch of fairies on our lawn last night," the little girl assures me this morning, when the drive is dripping wet, and with the blue dye dripping off her blue fairy book upon my carpet. "We could see 'em in the moonlight on the lawn all right (despite

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the fact that it was pouring rain all night) and what d'you spose? They had little tents all over the grass and after they'd washed their clothes they hanged them up to dry on the spider webs on our grass. And what d'you spose? There is boggies in the gold-fish pond. Boggies is bad chaps and if you put yer nose down into the water they'll nip yer nose right off your head. But we don't put our noses down into the water and that's why our noses isn't nipped off us." At last I get rid of her and she is rolling up the path through the oak woods with her clumsy sailor gait, her blue coat and her blue book. For a little while, until she has a few more birthdays, we shall have at least one fairy in our garden. And, anyway, even if there's nothing in it, I have filled this column for one more day, and it's breakfast time and I can do as much for myself.

Twenty-five Years Ago To-day

THE VICTORIA DAILY TIMES, January 19, 1907 (From The Times Files)

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Hon. W. S. Fielding announced in the House to-day in reference to the Jamaica disaster, that, owing to the breaking of the cable it has been found very difficult to get information, and the government was depending upon the news published in the press.

There is a great and increasing demand for waterfront acreage at Esquimalt. The latest deal reported in the press is the acquisition of a large stretch of waterfront on Constance Cove, which it is believed was acquired in the interests of W. H. Borden, joint manager of the B. C. Marine Railway Company.

A prominent real estate man is the authority for the statement that during the present year an effort will be made to convert the Sidney Railway from a steam into an electric road. It is pointed out that in a short time the whole of the Saanich peninsula will be cut up into small holdings and that the residents of these small lots will have to require better facilities for traveling to and from the city than the present road offers.

The swearing in of the mayor and alderman took place this morning in the county courtroom before Judge Lampan.

The price of coal has gone up. The expected has happened and from now on the local consumer will probably have to pay something from 75 cents to \$1 per ton more for the black diamonds than he has had to do in the past.

Victorians have taken advantage of the good skating at Shawnigan Lake and have made the trip to that place. There are about 500 acres of good ice, 11 inches thick in most places.

Weather Forecast—Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate winds, unsettled and milder, with rain or sleet.

Russian Plan To Kidnap Minister At Bucharest Fails

Associated Press

Bucharest, Roumania, Jan. 19.—Roumanian police said the Russian plan to kidnap the Russian minister at Bucharest yesterday that sixteen supposed Russian secret agents seized at Constanta Sunday had come to kidnap Fokievskii Kozel, Soviet Minister to Roumania.

They said the captain of the steamship Phoenicia, which disembarked the party, told them the Russians had intentions to take the Soviet Minister back to Odessa, or to kill him if the kidnapping plot failed.

Why the Soviet authorities should be so anxious to get their minister out of Roumania was not revealed.

Speaking of the Weather

by Charles Fitzhugh Talman

Your Guess is As Good As The Almanac's When it Comes to Forecasting the Weather—Just Try It and See for Yourself

No farm home seems complete without an almanac, and no farmer's almanac is quite complete without a series of weather predictions. The farmer's desire for foreknowledge of the weather is as old as agriculture itself.

Unfortunately this demand can be satisfied in only a limited way by accurate scientific methods, and the almanac maker either employs some nonsensical process of prediction based on the moon, stars, or what not, or simply sets down whatever his imagination suggests.

Other People's Views

RE ESQUIMALT ELECTIONS

To the Editor:—May I, through the medium of your paper, extend my sincere thanks to all ratepayers of Esquimalt who supported me at the recent elections, and particularly to those who worked hard and voluntarily in my behalf, I shall always endeavor to be worthy of their confidence.

F. S. COING.

819 Anderson Avenue, Esquimalt, B.C.

THANKS

To the Editor:—The Saanich branch of the National Unemployed Workers' Association desire to thank the merchants and citizens of Victoria, and Saanich, who kindly contributed to their children's Christmas tree fund. We would also like to express our appreciation to those friends who came forward and entertained the children and all who assisted in any way to make the affair such a wonderful success.

E. E. BELL.

Chairman of Christmas Tree Committee.

A PASSING FRIEND

To the Editor:—It is with deep regret that many residents of Victoria will hear of the sudden passing of the Rev. William Elliott, for many years a respected member of this community. Some of us have learned to know him best as a vice-president and honorary member of the local anti-tuberculosis society. He believed that in serving this cause he served not only the animal creation but his fellow-men, and he acted in accordance with that belief, never flinching to champion the movement whenever possible. We shall miss him in the way that all loyal and devoted persons are missed when they walk away from this world with high hearts and clear vision.

DORA KITTO.

Honorary Secretary, Canadian Anti-tuberculosis Society, Victoria, B.C.

315 Sayward Building, January 16, 1932.

CAN-TIM OR ADA?

To the Editor:—Do they see the handwriting on the wall? Another minister of the crown has been burning the midnight oil in order to produce his valdettory effort which appears in the guise of a lumber mark, a lot more so than citizens here in place of those that are not interested in Canada. We want people who will help Canada, especially our fellow-men, who are out of work because of a lot of nicksle squeakers, who hoard away their money instead of putting it into use to help the country and make people happy.

We all sing "God Save the King and 'O Canada," but only a few of the loyal sons of Canada really mean what those two anthems mean and stand for. Are we going to let Canada and the Empire down after our men died and became cripples in France for the safety of Canada and the Empire? Did they die in vain? Or are we going to take the torch and fight to do our best for our country and the Empire and lift it out of this depression with more pride and respect?

A CANADIAN.

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EDUCATION

To the Editor:—I am sorry that I keep pestering you, but, unfortunately for you, I have more time than sense. In a recent editorial you quoted Dr. Millikan to the effect that we have too much education, resulting in the creation of a feeling of social unrest and in revolutions. Such a conclusion is rather astonishing, coming from so renowned an investigator of natural facts. Granted that the teaching of football and its radio broadcasting might be curtailed, and granted also that theoretic training alone is worse than useless; nevertheless, a smattering of art and science does not injure the farmer (a little is rather essential), whilst a glimmering of gravitational theory might convince the bricklayer that the plumb line is not entirely a waste of effort. But in regard to the product "jobless educated," does the fault necessarily lie in the education? Is it not just possible that it is to be found in the "jobless"? It might be not only proper, but also wise, for others besides the jobless educated to investigate a social structure which can educate but cannot use its product of wealth. At least Malthus may not now be blamed, for we have killed off a few million people, and now enjoin an "over-production." Is "the world that is" an argument against aiming for "the world that ought to be"? Is institutionalism such a safe anchor that we dare not modify it? One might even ask: How did that same institutionalism become instituted?

Certainly, a system which provides education for the favored few, and treats the remainder as work slaves, is unsuccessful.

The only possible check upon self-deception in this respect is to write down day by day the prediction and the actual weather and at the end of a month or a year to count the number of successes. This process is earnestly recommended to persons who still retain more or less faith in the almanac.

It might be well enough to leave in the almanacs the weather forecasts, provided every almanac maker would have the grace to append to his page the following frank avowal, which appeared in Gabriel Frenche's Almanack and Prognostication for 1899:

"Thou hast my guess at daily weather Here present in thy view. My credit shall not lie thereon. That every word is true: Yet some to please I thought it best To show my mynde among the rest."

To-morrow: "The year without a summer."

will be a pleasant arrangement for the few, but I doubt if it will be any more "permanent" than the hair-dresser's wave. Such a system was the ideal of Egypt and Rome, and more recently, of monarchic France and Czarist Russia. Shall future historians say the name of democratic Europe and America? Methinks governors chosen by unenlightened democracy might prove worse than hereditary monarchs. In any event, a little education might teach us that the twentieth century did not mark the inception of mental activity in humans.

E. BUCKLE.

Riley's Cove, B.C., January 7, 1932.

HELP CANADA

To the Editor:—I am one of the many Canadians who read the article written by the gentleman who signed his name "American." I believe other "Canucks" heartily agree with our new friend's views.

I was one of the Sixteenth Canadian Scottish who participated in the pageant where the flag, the emblem of our great Empire, was dragged in the streets of the United States and the rank and file of the British Empire felt the call to pick it out of the dirt and I for one was ashamed at the lack of service rendered by the pageant officials for letting this continue. It is not complimentary to us that a man of another country has to call our attention to the respect due to our flag and the Empire for which it stands.

Never once in the twelve years I spent in the United States did I see such lack of patriotism as seems to exist here in a country where we, as a race, are supposed to be one of the most patriotic nations of the earth. The second part of the people get wise to the fact that Canada is what we make it, the better it will be for us. Those who have no pride and do not wish to see Canada get ahead and take her place with the leading nations of the world are not wanted here at all. What we want are people who will give their best efforts to bring our country back where it belongs, not people who do not care whether it does or not as long as they are getting along all right, thinking of only themselves.

There is also an ill feeling towards the Americans and a lot said about them that is not fair and square. I for one feel that we have a lot to learn from them in many fields, especially in the respect due our country and its flag, as well as its welfare. We at least get courtesy when we are down there and that is a lot more than they often get here. I sincerely hope we have a lot more so than citizens here in place of those that are not interested in Canada. We want people who will help Canada, especially our fellow-men, who are out of work because of a lot of nicksle squeakers, who hoard away their money instead of putting it into use to help the country and make people happy.

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Standard Bacon, half or whole Bacon, lb. 17c
Sovereign Hams, whole or shank half, lb. 19c
Sliced Boneless Ham, lb. 25c; Ayrshire Ham, lb. 27c

300 lbs. Sliced Jellied Corned Beef, 1-lb. lots 14c
Sliced Baked Ham, lb. 42c; Boiled Ham, lb. 40c
Sliced Veal Loaf, lb. 25c; Lamb's Tongues, lb. 45c
Spencer's Liver Sausage, lb. 20c; Blood Sausage, lb. 20c
Finest Mild Cheese, lb. 19c; Matured Cheese, lb. 28c
Kraft's Velveeta, halves, plain or Pimento 17c

Meats—AS OUT IN CASE

Dressed Rabbits, each. 18c	Oxford Sausage
Kidney Suet, lb. 5c	Minced Steak 13c
	2 lbs. 2 for

Pork Steaks, lb. 11c; Loin Pork Chops, lb. 15c
Rib Lamb Chops, lb. 15c; Shoulder Steak, lb. 11c
Lean Boneless Stew Beef, 2 lbs. for 20c
Blade Roasts Beef, lb. 10c; Cross-rib Roasts, lb. 12c
Sirloin Steaks, lb. 22c; Round Steaks, lb. 17c
Spare Ribs, lb. 11c; Pork Kidneys, lb. 11c
Pork Liver, lb. 8c; Cooked Tripe, lb. 10c

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Rib Lamb Chops, lb. 25c; Pork Tenderloins, lb. 30c
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Flank Steaks, lb. 17c; Round Steaks, lb. 18c
Little Pig and Country Style Pure Pork Sausage, lb. 16c

Operating Results of THE MUTUAL LIFE Assurance Company OF CANADA

for the Year Ending December 31st, 1931

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT REVENUE BASIS

Surplus Funds as at December 31st, 1930, consisting of:
General Investment Reserve . . . \$ 1,326,490.94
Free Surplus for Contingencies . . . 4,302,022.96

INCOME		
Premiums (net)	\$18,879,019.95	
Interest and Rents (after deduction of \$394,287.16 for possible loss of interest on Farm Mortgages)	6,489,518.58	
Supplementary Contracts	2,396,089.85	
Profit and Appreciation on Ledger Assets	35,964.38	\$27,800,582.66
EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES		
Death and Disability Claims, Matured Endowments, Surrendered Policies, Supplementary Contracts, etc.	\$ 9,683,463.08	
Increase in Actuarial Reserve and Amounts Left on Deposit	9,007,263.65	
Commissions, Taxes and General Expenses	3,482,247.27	
Loss and Depreciation on Ledger Assets	113,928.66	
Amounts Written Off Head Office Premises	50,000.00	
		22,336,902.66
Surplus Earnings for Year		\$ 5,463,680.00
Special Charges:		
Additional Specific Reserve against Loss of Principal on Mortgages and Sale Agreements	\$ 314,862.43	
Amounts Written Off Book Value of Bonds as Provision for Possible Losses	500,000.00	
		814,862.43
Net Amount Transferred to Surplus Funds		\$ 4,648,817.57
TOTAL		\$10,277,331.47
Deduct:		
Surplus Paid or Allotted to Policyholders	\$ 4,775,173.71	
Provision for Staff Pensions	139,323.00	
		\$ 4,914,496.71
Surplus Funds as at December 31st, 1931, consisting of:		
General Investment Reserve	\$ 826,490.94	
Free Surplus for Contingencies	4,588,348.82	
		\$ 5,414,839.76

Outstanding features of 1931 Statement:

Surplus funds and Contingency Reserves	\$ 12,412,836.25
Dividends paid Policyholders	\$ 4,989,562.37
Total Assets	\$125,848,128.74
New Assurances paid-for	\$ 53,193,505.00
Assurances in force December 31st, 1931	\$513,379,937.00

Lowest Expense Ratio in the Company's History.

Death losses were well within the expected.

Surplus earnings per \$1,000 of total assets were \$48.41.

The highly satisfactory results of the operations of the past year permit the payment to policyholders during 1932 of the same high dividends as were paid during the year 1931, but the usual annual increase will not be made in 1932.

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RECORD OF PROGRESS

Year	Income	Assets	Paid to Policyholders	Business in Force
1891	\$547,620	\$1,941,570	\$211,607	\$14,934,807
1911	\$3,329,541	\$18,161,847	\$978,100	\$71,020,770
1931	\$27,530,942	\$125,848,128	\$14,664,372	\$513,379,937

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Policyholders will be held on Thursday, February 4th, 1932, at the Head Office, Waterloo, Ontario.

R. O. McCulloch, President
Louis L. Lang, First Vice-President
C. M. Bowman, Chairman of the Board
W. H. Somerville, General Manager

Sooke

Under the auspices of the Sooke branch of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L., J. H. Beatty, M.P.P., will give a cinematograph travelogue in the Sooke Hall on Wednesday evening, January 20, at 8 o'clock. The travelogue will consist of views of Europe, England, Scotland and Ireland; also interesting films of scenes connected with the memories of ex-service men who served overseas. There will also be a film for the children.

Langford

Many Langford ratepayers met on Friday evening at the Women's Institute Hall with George Phipps in the chair and organized the Community Association of Langford. A constitution was drafted and by-laws drawn up. The boundaries of the district

were defined and will be ratified at the next meeting. James Stuart-Yates and A. Norman Brown emphasized the necessity of a committee to take care of the matters which need immediate attention.

An invitation was extended to all present to attend the Lutton and Happy Valley Ratepayers' Association meeting at Lutton Hall on Tuesday, to discuss unemployment relief and other matters.

The next meeting will be on Friday evening at 7.45 o'clock in the Women's Institute Hall.

The Beavers second badminton team will be the guests of the Langford Club "B" team on Tuesday evening in a league match in the fourth division of the Lower Island Badminton League. On Friday the J.E.A.A. badminton "A" team will play the Langford "A" team in a third division match of the league at Langford Lakeside.

Miss Glenys Smiley is the guest of Miss Margaret Merry. Mrs. George Aikman has returned home from St. Joseph's Hospital. Lantern slides of the Cariboo district

and northern Vancouver Island were shown on Friday evening by Deaconess Robinson in St. Matthew's Church. Miss Stella Hinks, president of the girls' branch of the Women's Auxiliary, presented the thanks of the large audience.

Mrs. William Moore has her sister, Mrs. J. Stuart-Robinson of Vancouver, as her house guest.

Lutton

Two hoop games are scheduled for Saturday evening in Lutton Hall, the visiting teams being Royal Oak boys' intermediates and the Maroons girls' team. Dancing will follow the games, and refreshments will be served.

A "hard-time" dance is being arranged by the Lutton Hall committee for the latter part of January, full details shortly to be announced. Mrs. M. Knowles and Miss Margaret Knowles were recent guests of Mrs. T. Madders.

GYROS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

District Governor James Barr, Yakima, Places Victoria Members in Office

Clubmen Enjoy Attractive Programme at Annual Ceremony

At one of the most attractive functions held by the club during the year, officers of the Victoria Gyros were formally installed in their posts at the Empress Hotel yesterday evening. Wishes for the success of the club during the coming year were voiced by visitors from other cities and local service clubs as well as by James Barr, Yakima, district governor of the Pacific Northwest.

In a few well-chosen remarks, J. Percy Watson, president of the Rotary Club, conveyed the greetings of the association to the Gyros, wishing them continued success and commending them for the constructive work they had done in the community.

Similar remarks were made by W. Ellis Brown, president of the Kiwanis, who expressed the hope the club would have every success under its new officers and would continue its function as an organization of service to the city.

VANCOUVER'S GREETINGS
Charles Anstie, president of the Vancouver Gyros, conveyed the greetings of the Terminal City branch to the Victoria Gyros. He would never forget, he said, the valuable co-operation the Vancouver men had received from Victoria when the mainland club held the district international conference.

A message of appreciation for the loyalty of the members was voiced by W. C. Hudson, retiring president, who also paid tribute to the assistance Mrs. Hudson had been to him in various social functions which he had attended at his Gyro presidency. Mr. Hudson spoke of his happy affiliations with the club since he joined the roster and vouched his support for it in the future.

Preceding the installation ceremony, District Governor James Barr, of Yakima, expressed his pleasure at being with the club for its ceremonial. The memory of the Gyro district convention in 1927 would always remain a high spot in his remembrance of the club's work, he said, before urging the local clubmen to attend the similar gathering being held in Yakima this year.

INSTALL OFFICERS
Calling upon the outgoing officers to stand, he voiced the thanks of International Gyro for their services during the year.

With due solemnity he delivered the charge to John L. Clay, newly elected president, wishing him every success in service work during the year. He called upon R. L. Lipsey, vice-president, Harold Butterfield, secretary-treasurer, and Stan Moore, Thomas Bowden, Dr. Arthur Webster, Waldo Skillings and Percy Moir, directors, to give their new president every assistance in his task. Past President Hudson then presented the club with a new and elaborate gavel, made entirely in Victoria. Mr. Clay thanked the club on behalf of himself and the other officers for the confidence the members had shown in them during the election and pledged himself to do all in his power for the good of the Gyro movement. He called upon the clubmen for their support throughout the year and announced the standing committees.

Mr. Hudson was honored with the presentation of the Gyro past president's button by Mr. Anstie.

SPLENDID PERFORMANCES

During the function, pupils of Mrs. Dorothy Wilson's Russian Ballet school delighted the clubmen with dances. Faylis Addison, in a Spanish number, presented a graceful dance which won warm applause from the audience while little Pam Butcher, in a well-received in a tulle dress, Milton in a Russian dance, Joan Hawkins in a particularly difficult acrobatic dance and Joe and Phyllis Addison in an adagio tango, also gained warm commendation. Mrs. Fred Hawes also contributed a delightful vocal solo.

The performers were suitably thanked by the chairman and presented with tokens of the club's appreciation.

Telegrams expressing their regrets at being unable to attend the function were read from Annie Wills, a former president, and H. Bull, New Westminster, district trustee.

Guests at the head table included: James Barr, Yakima, district governor; Charles Anstie, president of the Vancouver club; Herbert Hoy, vice-president of the Terminal City branch; Russel Fraser, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellis Brown, of the Kiwanis Club; Mr. and Mrs. J. Percy Watson, of the Rotary Club; John L. Clay and W. C. Hudson.

Dancing completed the evening. Following the club's standing committees for the year: Attendance, P. H. Hawes; membership, H. N. Sibbald; luncheon, G. A. A. Hebdson; civic affairs, Frank Burton; solicitor, R. S. Yater; sergeant-at-arms, Arthur McNeill; Gyrotoria, J. R. Jones; entertainment, L. Woodhouse; boys' work, Vaughan Thompson; sports, Beverly Gilson; service club's council representative, Major H. Cuthbert Holmes.

Will Rogers Was Guest Of Prince Svasti

Uncle to King Prajadhipok of Siam So Impressed With Work of Humorist in Film, "Ambassador Bill" at Hollywood, That He Insisted He Be His Guest at Bangkok Palace.

After being entertained by Prince Svasti in Siam, Will Rogers, California humorist, who is on a globe-girdling tour, learned that his wife was ill and he decided to fly from Bangkok to Alexandria, Egypt, via Karachi, and take steamer through the Mediterranean to Marseille. He left Bangkok yesterday. The British officials at Pocom were not favorably disposed to his intention of interviewing Mahatma Gandhi in prison so he abandoned his plans to get the "low down" on India.

It goes without saying that Will Rogers enjoyed his visit to Bangkok. Before he left his home at Beverly Hills, the celebrated humorist had received an invitation to visit the home of Prince Svasti in the Siamese capital and when he sailed from Victoria with Floyd Gibbons he was keen on extending his Manchurian jaunt to the borders of Siam in acceptance of the wish of King Prajadhipok's uncle that he visit him as his guest.

While Prince Svasti was in Los Angeles on his way to Victoria to join the royal entourage of King Prajadhipok.

CITY CLAIMS NO LIABILITY

Cold Storage Company Has Not Fulfilled Agreement, Council Maintains

The city still maintains that the Victoria Cold Storage and Terminal Warehouse Company has not fulfilled all its covenants in regard to its agreement and therefore the city is not liable for the guarantee of interest on the investment as provided in the contract. The City Council agreed yesterday evening in adopting a recommendation of the business and trade development committee.

This stand was taken in response to a request from the cold storage company for fulfillment of the guarantee and is similar to the position taken last January when a similar request was made.

FUNERAL-TOMORROW

Nanaimo, Jan. 19.—Funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine J. Pearce, who died here yesterday morning, will take place on Thursday, Rev. W. Bunt officiating.

HE NEVER SAT DOWN TO EAT Lived on Eggs and Milk for Years

Now "Can Eat Anything"
Thanks to Kruschen

A good appetite is usually a sign of good health. And a poor appetite is a sure sign that something is wrong somewhere. If you do not eat your meals and enjoy them, without any "after-effects," read this letter. The treatment that put this man right would surely be good for you, too.

"I have much pleasure to be able to inform you that by regularly taking Kruschen Salts I regained my appetite, and have been completely released from pain which I had for years. I disliked all eating, especially solid food. I never sat down at table during meals, and lived on milk and two eggs daily. One month ago, I started to take Kruschen Salts, and now I can eat anything with the greatest appetite."—J. F. D. There are six salts in Kruschen, and every one of them is necessary to perfect health. If you lead a strenuous life in the open air, if every organ in your body performs its functions perfectly, if your diet is exactly balanced, then you can extract from the food you eat and the air you breathe all that is necessary to keep you fit. But if you spend the greater part of



your life indoors, if you cannot get all the fresh air and exercise you need, if your eliminating organs don't do their work easily, naturally, and regularly, if your diet is not exactly what it should be, if you wake unrefreshed, eat without appetite, work without zest, and play without enjoyment—Kruschen is what you need, and Kruschen will put you right. Kruschen sweetens and cleanses your blood, sets your internal machinery working smoothly, sends you out into sunshine or shower with the same cheery readiness for the day's work or the day's play. Kruschen Salts is obtainable at all Drug Stores at 45c. and 75c. per bottle. (Adv.)

ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES

OFFERED WEDNESDAY MORNING AT JANUARY CLEARANCE PRICES



Towels

At Special January Prices To-morrow

Linen Towels with colored borders. Priced, at each, 20¢ and 25¢

Linen Huck Towels with colored borders. Each . . . 30¢
and 39¢
Colored-striped Turkish Hand Towels, each . . . 15¢
Extra large White Bath Towels, size 27x54 inches. At each 79¢
White Turkish Towels with colored borders, at 2 for 45¢
Towels in fancy colors or white, with fancy borders; slightly imperfect. Values to 69c. On sale at . . . 39¢
Bath Mats in useful size, with colored key border. At each \$1.00
—Staples, Main Floor

January Clearance of Misses' and Children's Shoes

Specially Priced for Wednesday Morning at \$2.95

We have taken a number of Misses' and Children's Shoes from our high-priced stock on the first floor and marked them to clear Wednesday Morning at \$2.95

Included are
Macfarlane's Black and Brown Brogues, sizes 11 to 2.
Packard's Black and Brown Oxfords, sizes 11 to 2.
Classic Straps and Ties, sizes 8 to 2.
The Quantity Is Limited
—Women's Shoes, First Floor

Women's Winceyette Nightgowns, \$1.65

Slipover Nightgowns of good quality winceyette, in peach, blue or mauve, trimmed in contrasting shades. Large sizes. —Whitewear, First Floor

Women's New House Dresses, \$1.95

Smart new styles in Print and Broadcloth Dresses of excellent quality. Sleeveless or with short or long sleeves. A variety of patterns and shades. —Whitewear, First Floor

"Goddess" Front-lace Corsets, \$4.95

Front-laced Corsets of pink and white brocade with elastic top, long skirt, ventilated back and six hose supporters. Well boned, with shield under front lacing. Sizes 26 to 36. —Corsets, First Floor

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Men's Furnishings on Sale Wednesday Morning



Men's and Youths' Knitted Wool Gloves, a pair 35¢
Sweater Coats of fine wool, with two pockets; heather, Lovat and grey, at \$1.95
Clearing 300 Men's Silk Ties, striped or fancy designs; various colors. Each \$1.00
Or 3 for \$1.25
30 Men's Flannel Shirts with collar attached or separate. Shop soiled; broken sizes. Regular \$2.50 values, for \$1.25
Men's Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, a garment . . . 65¢
Men's Fleece-lined Combinations, a suit \$1.19
Men's Sanitary Work Socks with white toes and heels; 4 pairs for \$1.00
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Girls' School Dresses

Values to \$6.75, for \$2.95

Jersey Cloth, Wool Crepe and Flannel Dresses in blue, scarlet, brown and fawn. Many attractive styles for the school girl of 8 to 14 years. On sale, each \$2.95
—Children's Wear, First Floor

Pure Wool Blankets

On Sale Wednesday Morning \$1.49

Pure Wool Blankets in silver grey shade only. Size 60x80 inches. —Staples, Main Floor

Groceteria---Cash and Carry

Ogilvie's Minute Oats, 6s. per sack 25¢
Libby's Corned Beef, 2s. per tin 35¢
P.P. Sauce (Hike H.P.), 2 bottles for 25¢
Peck Frean's Vita-Weat Biscuits, per pkt. 25¢
Ryvita, per pkt. 25¢
Singapore Sliced Pineapple, 2s. per tin 8¢
Aylmer Sweet Corn, 1s. 2 tins for 13¢
Aylmer Tomatoes, large tins, 2 tins for 17¢
Aylmer Peas, sieve 5, 2s. 2 tins for 15¢
Australian Evaporated Peaches, per lb. 15¢
Australian Peaches in syrup, 1s. per tin 15¢
Gold Dust, per pkt. 24¢
Heinz Tomato Ketchup, small, per bottle 14¢
Heinz Pork and Beans, 3 tins for 25¢
Toddy, 1s. with Mixer free, per tin 48¢
Proctor and Gamble's White Naphtha Soap, 6 bars for 20¢
Okanagan Tomato Juice, 1s. 3 tins for 25¢
Chocolate Eclair, 1-lb. carton 24¢
Honey Graham Wafers, 1-lb. cellophane wrapper . . . 19¢
Royal City Soups, 3 tins for 25¢
Ogilvie's Royal Chef Pastry Flour, 10s. per sack . . . 32¢
Big Bath Soap, 6 tablets for 25¢

4 tablets Palmolive Soap All
1 packet Palmolive Beads for 25¢

Hillsdale Asparagus Tips, 1s. square tin 32¢
Quaker Strawberry Jam, 40-oz., per jar 29¢
Quaker Raspberry Jam, 40-oz., per jar 29¢

SOCIAL, PERSONAL AND HOME INTERESTS

Infanta's Jewels
Are Missing But
Believed MisaidSpanish Royal Wedding Plans
Halted By Disappearance
of Gems

Paris, Jan. 19.—The fortune in jewels with which the Infanta Eulalia, daughter of one of the former queens of Spain, had intended to finance the marriage of her grandsons to the daughters of former King Alfonso, are missing, it was learned to-day.

A trunk supposed to contain the gems was sent to her from Spain several days ago, but when she opened it she found only a heap of shawls and several old umbrellas. The jewels, which she had sent to Madrid from Paris when the Germans were advancing on the city during the war, were gone.

She had thought relatives in Spain had the jewels, but now she is unable to learn definitely where they have been since she sent them out of Paris. She is convinced, however, that they are simply mislaid and eventually will be returned to her.

ALBERNI NOTES

Special to The Times

Alberni, Jan. 19.—Mrs. H. M. T. Hodgson was re-elected president of the Women's Auxiliary to the West Coast Hospital at the annual meeting held on Friday afternoon at the Courthouse. Other officers are: Honorary president, Mrs. A. D. Morgan; vice-president, Mrs. E. E. Frost; secretary, Miss L. Maroon; treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Blackhall and Mrs. R. D. Porter; delegate to board of hospital directors, Mrs. George Forrest. Tentative arrangements were made for the rummage sale on March 4. Plans were completed for a novelty dance at the Athletic Hall on Friday.

Mrs. Arthur North was hostess at the tea hour on Friday afternoon, when invited guests included, Mrs. H. Williamson, Mrs. J. Kennedy, Mrs. E. A. Manning, Mrs. Alec McDonald, Mrs. W. G. Bignmore, Mrs. E. Frost, Miss Wilma G. Kight, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Miss Kate Manning and Mrs. H. R. Carter.

At the annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's United Church, C. Bignmore, of Cherry Creek, and Mrs. C. Vucor, were appointed managers to take the place of J. Motion and Mrs. G. Lundine, retired. Gratifying reports were submitted by the different departments of the church. Mrs. F. Brand said the ladies' association had raised \$300 during the year and that a balance of \$400 was on hand. Mrs. E. Bignmore, said the Women's Missionary Society had met the \$70 allocation and a consignment of clothing and supplies had been forwarded to prairie cities. Mrs. F. Brand, treasurer, reported receipts had been \$1,047.83, \$934.46 being towards the minister's stipend. Miss Viola Ainsworth said the Y.P.A. had subscribed \$10 to the minister's stipend and \$21.50 to the ladies' association. Miss Hattie Forrest said the Sunday School had a roll call of eighty pupils. Mrs. F. Brand was appointed delegate to the United Church Presbytery.

Mrs. J. R. Dalton has as her guest Mrs. R. Beaudette of Red Gap. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Carter, accompanied by their sons, Harry and Jack, Mrs. J. L. Dunn, Miss Hattie Forrest and Miss Viola Ainsworth, motored to Victoria on Sunday to spend a few days. The former will be a guest of S. A. Carter, Seacrest Apartments, Mrs.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY TO-DAY



THOMAS DUFFERIN PATTULLO

Leader of the Liberal Party in British Columbia, who to-day is receiving congratulations on attaining his fifty-ninth birthday. He was born in Woodstock, Ontario, January 19, 1873. He was first elected to the B.C. Legislature in 1916, and was re-elected in 1920-24 and 28. He was Minister of Lands in the Liberal Cabinet. Birthdays congratulations are also in order to-day to C. C. Cochran, manager of the Saanich Cannery Company Limited. He was born in Maitland, N.S.

Colwood

J. L. Dunn will be the guest of Mrs. R. Tanner, Fernwood Road. Miss Ainsworth will spend two weeks in the capital city, guests of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Christenson, 1521 Camosun Street.

Skirts To Waver
In Length Still
Styles Predict

New York Fashion Show Features Bright Shades of Red, Blue and Green

New York, Jan. 19.—An idea of what midday will wear this spring was given when 110 style creations of the garment retailers of North America were promenade in the grand ballroom of a hotel here.

Retail merchants from all over the country noted that skirt lengths will continue to vary, as last season, from eleven to twelve inches for sports wear, to ankle length for evening gowns.

Bright colors, including the more springly shades of red, blue and green were much in evidence.

Significant trends showed velvet for evening wraps, often trimmed with ermine, and in short, three-quarters and full lengths, also combinations of yellow and white for sports wear.

Colwood

The annual vestry meeting of the parishioners of St. John's Church was held in Colwood, B.C., on Friday, Jan. 19, 1932. The Rev. A. L. Nixon presiding. Owing to the absence of Captain James, the financial report, read by J. W. Little, showed all debts and obligations had been met. Satisfactory reports of the Sunday School, Women's Auxiliary and St. John's Boys' Club were read.

Rev. A. L. Nixon reappointed J. W. Little as vicar's warden, and Capt. James as re-elected people's warden. The church committee for the ensuing year include G. A. Turner, T. Millburn, A. Godfrey and A. C. Swindell. Mrs. W. M. Brown and Mrs. A. Godfrey.

Delegates appointed to the Synod were Messrs. G. A. Turner and A. Hanlin. Delegates appointed to the B.C. diocesan conference were Mrs. H. Parker, Mrs. W. M. Brown and Miss James.

G. A. Turner, on behalf of the congregation, expressed regret on the departure of Rev. A. L. Nixon, who leaves shortly for England. Rev. A. L. Nixon thanked all who had helped with the church work during his stay at St. John's Church.

A. C. Swindell passed a vote of thanks to Miss James for her services as organist.

Keating

Nine tables were in play at the military five hundred card party held in the Temperance Hall, Saturday evening under the auspices of the South Saanich Women's Institute.

First prize winners were: Miss V. McNally, Messrs. T. B. Oxley, F. Mitchell and S. Lee. The winners of second prizes were: Mrs. W. North, Messrs. A. Hafer, W. D. Mitchell and Father Schee-lan.

Refreshments were served at the close by Miss Beatrice Butler, Miss Nellie Sytan and Mrs. J. Patterson.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Saanich Women's Institute will be held in the Temperance Hall, Thursday evening, on January 27, for the appointment of the new year will be appointed.

Game Warden Jones of the game farm at Elk Lake, will address the members of the South Saanich Farmers' Institute at their regular meeting on Thursday evening, at 7.15 o'clock, instead of at 8 o'clock, in order that members wishing to attend the Native Sons' bridge tournament may do so.

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HUDSON'S BAY EMPLOYEES
ENJOY BANQUET AND DANCEPress Women To
Hold Convention

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Every three years the active newspaper women of the Dominion who form the Canadian Women's Press Club hold a convention, and in 1932 the meeting will be held in Calgary. Dates for the conference have been set June 28 to 30.

The entertainment committee hopes to arrange a motor trip into the country surrounding the prairie city, with the possibility of seeing the famous E. P. ranch and the Turner Valley. A short stay at Banff may also be arranged. For the business part of the gathering addresses on craft topics will be given by prominent writers and workers from various parts of Canada. It is hoped also that an English writer will be among those on the programme.

Your Baby
and Mine

By MYRTLE MEYER ELDER

VOMITING NOT ALWAYS CAUSED
BY FEEDINGS

There are numerous reasons why babies vomit, some of them not related to food. If the baby takes more food than his small stomach will hold, any movement or change of position will send the milk rolling back again, slightly thickened but otherwise unchanged in composition. This may happen ten or fifteen minutes after a nursing.

If spitting up takes place an hour or so after a feeding then we have to rule out overfilling of the stomach as the cause, for by that time the fluid content of the food has been absorbed and what is being spit up is the solid matter. If the milk is unboiled, the protein is very apt to cause difficulty, the baby spitting up rubbery curds like cottage cheese. The cure of this lies in boiling the milk, so that these curds will not gather in the indigestible lumps in the stomach and be vomited.

UNBALANCED FORMULA

Too much sugar or too much fat in the formula may cause baby to spit up, watery fluid a long time after the feeding. In this case it is advisable to consult the doctor's formula with some standard ones and note the points of difference.

Then there is a serious type of vomiting that has no relation to food, but is due entirely to a mechanical obstruction in baby's own stomach. This type of vomiting is characterized by the force with which the food rushes forth. When baby vomits in this way, hurry him to a doctor and have an X-ray made of his stomach in order to find out exactly what is causing it to eject food in this manner.

My leaflet, "What Mothers Should Know About Vomiting," explains the different causes in much more detail than any mother may have in her mind. It is enclosed in the usual self-addressed, stamped envelope along with her request for it. Address your request to the "Your Baby and Mine" department of this newspaper.

BABY VOMITS

Mrs. R. W. asks a question about vomiting. "I have a four-months-old baby. She is as active as can be and does not seem sick, but I am sure that she has indigestion, for she is nursed any length of time she vomits. I use lactic acid milk, cod liver oil, twice a day and orange and tomato juice. I have been reading your column since before my baby came and would appreciate help through it."

MORE DETAILS, PLEASE

This information is far too meagre for me to base any intelligent help upon it. How is baby gaining? How often is she fed during the day and what is your formula for her? You say she vomits if she is "nursed any length of time" and in the next sentence "I use lactic acid milk." That leaves me most confused, for nursing relates to breast milk and, therefore, I do not know whether the term is misused or whether the lactic acid is a complementary feeding. It is impossible to judge the cause of the vomiting without knowing much more about baby and her feedings.

Won't you send me this information and also ask for the leaflet on "Lactic Acid Formula" and "Vomiting"? With these two you will get a better idea of what correction you may need to make if the food is at fault, or you decide that there is an obstruction which needs both medicine and diet to adjust it. I'm always sorry to disappoint readers, but sometimes they forget that with only written information to guide me I must be very explicit and detailed.

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Beaver Club's Annual Meet-
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nual Banquet to StaffA. J. Wilson, Manager, Dis-
cusses Staff Relationships;
Officers Elected

Over three hundred and fifty employees were present at the annual banquet tendered by the management of the Hudson's Bay Company to the Victoria store staff held yesterday evening in the Victoria Restaurant. A. J. Wilson, the manager, presided and with him at the head table were the various departmental heads, including Dr. R. L. Miller, the store physician. Guests of honor included C. H. French, M. Robson, A. Nicholson and C. Harding, all employees of the company with long periods of service.

Mr. Watson welcomed the guests on behalf of the company and expressed appreciation of the loyalty and co-operation of the staff during the last twelve months. There would be difficult times in the months to come, as there had been difficult times in the past, but with every department co-operating and every individual in the organization doing their best he had complete confidence in the future.

When commenting upon the work of the various departments and stressing the importance of proper co-operation between the buying and selling staffs, Mr. Watson quoted some interesting figures in connection with the deliveries. Since the store opened in September, 1921, Mr. Watson said the drivers had delivered 3,990,023 parcels and had driven 1,941,800 miles. This did not include parcels delivered by mail, express or other means.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The annual meeting of the Beaver Club was held in connection with the banquet and as president, Mr. Watson said he was pleased to report another very satisfactory year. The sports activities particularly had made greater progress than usual, while the Beaver Club singers had again demonstrated real talent in a series of concerts and had given enjoyment to many of their friends.

During the last year the sum of \$2,574 had been distributed in sick benefits, medical and hospital expenses. It was interesting to learn that during the last six years the welfare branch had distributed \$16,541 to members who had been ill, which was a striking demonstration of the splendid work the club was doing.

With sincere regret Mr. Watson referred to the untimely passing of Miss Barbara Palmer, one of the youngest and most active members. Many thanks were due the president said, to the retiring members of the board for their intelligent efforts. The secretary, treasurer and chairman of the several committees were particularly doing for hearty commendation.

Mr. Watson stressed the necessity of all members interesting themselves in the activities of the club. In so doing he was sure they would gain much pleasure and profit mentally and physically.

In closing Mr. Watson expressed the hope that the present worldwide depression would quickly end and that the Beaver Club would enjoy the best year in 1932.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

T. Wilkinson, secretary, presented a brief outline of the club's operations during the last year. Never in the history of the organization had it enjoyed so many social or athletic events or given so much financial aid to members. The affairs of the club had been administered economically, the financial position was excellent and the membership was 100 per cent of the staff.

In concluding the secretary commented upon the splendid leadership of Mr. Watson as president and the active interest he had taken in all branches of the club. He also expressed thanks to the company for generous help.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

R. Eaton, chairman of the athletic committee, reported upon the sporting activities of the last year. These included football, cricket, ladies' basketball, fivepin bowling, badminton, carpet bowling, lawn bowls, softball, lawn tennis and English billiards.

The cricket team was to be congratulated, Mr. Eaton said, upon winning the C. P. Payne Silver Cup, emblematic of the Wednesday League championship, and also the Virtue Cup in a knockout competition.

The badminton players, totaling forty, had two teams in the City League. The "A" team played nine games, winning eight and drawing one, and the "B" team played eight games, winning four and losing four.

In football the store team finished the 1930-31 season as runners-up in the two cup ties and only lost the Wednesday League championship by one point. It captured the McKay Shield, but lost the Rennie & Taylor Trophy by one goal.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

C. Nichols, chairman of the social committee, reported a very successful year. The monthly dances in the Shrine Auditorium had been popular. Other social events included the outings of the Hiking Club, the Beaver Singers' social at Hampton Hall, the Amphion Hall, social evenings of the badminton players and the annual turkey shoot and social, always a popular occasion with a great number of employees. Mr. Nichols reported that the Swimming Club, which came under the heading of social activities, now enjoyed a membership of 119.

W. V. Merryweather, treasurer, presented the financial statement, which showed the Beaver Club to be in a satisfactory position.

NEW OFFICERS

The officers for the ensuing year will be as follows: Honorary president, Major F. Ashby Cooper; honorary vice-presidents, G. W. Allen and F. A. Chester; president, A. J. Watson; vice-president, J. S. Horne; executive committee, Miss I. McAdam, Miss G. Allen, R. Eaton, G. McAdam and D. Fish. One of the features of the evening was presentation of the C. P. Payne

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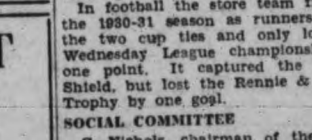
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When Celia came downstairs next morning, wearing the little white tennis frock Mrs. Parsons had bought for her there was no one else in sight. Hilda, the maid she had seen the day before, told her that breakfast was ready. Celia went into the dining-room and Hilda brought her fruit, toast and coffee.

After that Celia wandered out on the big porch. It was after nine o'clock, but she saw no one. The garden was beautiful in the sunlight. Celia followed the cobblestone path, pausing to watch the goldfish in their pool, and then strolling on among the flowers. It was an informal garden, perfectly suited to the rambling house and broad grounds.

The day would be warm, no doubt, but the morning breeze made it perfect. There was a path Celia had not inspected the day before. Now she followed it.

She heard a shout and looked about quickly. Over the shrubbery ahead she caught sight of a flashing bit of motion.

Tennis! Of course. These must be the tennis courts she had heard Jimmie Webster talking about last night.

Now she saw them. A man and a girl on either side of the net in frantic pursuit of the tiny, spinning ball. The players were too intent on their game to note the spectator.

Lai served smashing, and Webster's racquet sent the ball spinning back into an impossible corner. Lai returned it. Over and back again. Over and back.

Celia watched spellbound. She had never seen such skillful tennis playing. At last when the game was finished she waved and came forward.

Lai paused a moment to call a cheerful greeting and then the set was resumed. Celia sat on a bench at the side of the court and watched.

"Hello!"

She looked up. Tod Jordan, looking more bronzed than ever in his white clothes, dropped to the bench beside the girl.

"Good morning."

"I saw you heading this way, and so I followed," he said. "I hope you don't mind?"

"Why of course not!"

"Oh! I—er, rather gathered last night that you didn't care to be friendly."

Celia continued to watch the flying ball.

"I'm sorry you thought that."

"Then it isn't true? I mean, you think you might possibly come to like me?"

"I might."

"Enough to turn around right now and smile?"

There was no use. She couldn't pretend to quarrel. Celia didn't want to quarrel with Jordan any more.

She wanted to go on talking, saying little things in a way which meant so much.

The tennis players were forgotten. When the tennis players were exhausted and they all walked back to the house together, Celia was addressing Jordan as "Tod."

Mrs. Parsons came on the porch.

"Celia," she said, "I have news for you."

"Your father's going to be here for lunch," Mrs. Parsons said briskly. "He telephoned. I should think he'd be here almost any time now."

Celia said she was glad he could come early. Privately she wondered how John Mitchell would fit into this crowd of curious, careless young people.

Her father was still as distant an acquaintance as he had been the day she arrived in New York.

It was hot and hot Duncan, who had won the last set of tennis, declared she was "simply wrecked."

She tumbled into a porch chair, calling for ice water. Kate, her sister, appeared in a French window and eyed Lai disapprovingly.

Kate wore lounging pyjamas of orchid silk printed in beige and green.

She looked hastily at her watch, although she had just turned from a mirror.

Eve Brooks was wearing pyjamas, too, an orange and black outfit. For a wonder she was sitting beside her husband, who was reading the newspaper sports section.

No one mentioned attendance at church. Celia wondered what might be next on the day's programme.

They heard the sound of a car coming up the drive, and Evelyn Parsons hurried out to meet her guest.

Celia would have come, too, but Mrs. Parsons waved her aside. A few minutes later she heard Mitchell's voice in the living-room. Celia went inside.

"Good morning, father," she said.

"Morning, Celia. Look as though Long Island agreed with you."

"Oh, it does, indeed!" Evelyn Parsons spoke up quickly. "Really, I hope you'll let this daughter of yours consider Larchwood her second home. She's been the belle of the party!"

It wasn't true, of course. Kate Duncan would be the belle of any group in which she appeared, but Mitchell seemed pleased. It occurred to Celia she had not realized how good looking her father was. In white flannel and blue coat he appeared younger.

Celia inquired politely about her grandmother. Then Evelyn Parsons said: "Run along back to your young men. Celia, I'm going to take your father to see the new lily pool. We've just time before lunch."

Slightly resenting this dismissal, Celia went back to the porch. She did not see her father again until the meal was announced. Then he sat at Mrs. Parsons's right at the head of the table, and Celia was at the opposite side with several others between them of motion.

She saw very little of Tod Jordan that afternoon. There was some discussion whether the afternoon should be spent watching tennis matches at the club (the third ranking national player was to play an exhibition match) or whether they should all drive to the big flying field, where elaborate manoeuvres were to be staged. In the end it was decided to do both. Young Carr, who had a pilot's license, Eve Brooks and Jordan set off for the aviation field. The others went to see the tennis.

Celia, Lai Duncan and Jimmie Webster departed in Webster's roadster. Kate Duncan and Brooks drove with Mitchell and Mrs. Parsons in the latter's close car.

Though the third ranking tennis champion was in excellent form, Celia did not enjoy herself. Everyone about her was chatting and visiting. Lai Duncan was constantly being hailed by young and old. She seemed to know everyone, to have a swift comeback for every word of raillery. Celia felt lonely.

Her father and Mrs. Parsons remained on the clubhouse veranda. She and Webster joined them when the tennis was over. Lai had a blond youth in tow and did not reappear until Jimmie Webster went to hunt for her to drive home.

It was 3:30 when they reached Larchwood. Tod Jordan and his companions were not yet back from the aviation field. Celia went to her room to dress for dinner.

So far the day had been disappointing. Celia bathed leisurely, slipped into a negligee and went to the dressing table to experiment with her hair. There was a great deal of time to waste. Dinner would not be served until seven o'clock.

She combed out her brown hair, which the hot weather had curled up rather tightly about her face. Then she tried pulling the hair severely back from the forehead as Eve Brooks did. The effect was nothing at all like Mrs. Brooks's sleek blond coiffure. It looked as though she had never seen her before.

"Do you like it?" she asked, smiling. "Like what?"

"The new dress. It's one of those Mrs. Parsons helped me buy. I think it makes me look older. That's why I wanted it."

John Mitchell gazed down at his daughter.

"The dress is very pretty," he said. "Blue, isn't it?" He paused and then added: "Your mother used to wear blue."

Celia nodded. "I used to try to get her to have a blue dress. Only, of course, now she always wears black, and she says it's more practical."

Mitchell was looking out the window again. For several moments they did not speak.

"Been having a good time down here?" he asked.

"Yes."

"You seem doubtful. What's the trouble?"

Celia hesitated. "Everyone's been awfully nice to me," she said. "It's just I guess I'm not used to doing the things these people do. I hardly know how to talk to them. I guess it's because I've always been at home."

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"I guess we're like," he said slowly. "I've never taken time enough for play, either. That's all over now. Over for both of us."

The little gold locket caught his eye. "Celia, where did you get that?"

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"Nothing," he said. "Nothing."

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SIDE GLANCES

By George Clark



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BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggily's Snowshoe Rabbit

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After running along in his snow tunnel for a few minutes, Uncle Wiggily came to a stop and listened.

"I don't believe the Fox is chasing me any more," panted Mr. Longears. His heart was beating fast for he had been frightened and he had run hard to escape.

"No, he isn't coming," went on the bunny gentleman. "I fooled him by digging my snow tunnel. But I never would have thought of doing it if the snowshoe rabbit had not told me to. I should like to meet that big, white bunny and thank him."

As I told you in the story last night, Uncle Wiggily had read in a book about a rabbit with such long, furry feet that he could walk on top of the snow instead of sinking down through the soft drifts.

"I'm going to see if I can't be a snowshoe rabbit myself," Mr. Longears said. But when he tried it the Fox chased him and the poor bunny gentleman was almost caught. At the right moment, however, a voice called to him to dig down through the snow and make a tunnel instead of trying to walk on top. And when Uncle Wiggily did this, burrowing a tunnel through the snow, the Fox lost track of him and he was safe.

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After a lingering illness there passed away peacefully yesterday afternoon Mrs. Annie Burns, widow of Frank Hughes Burns, who died in September.

Born in Digby, Nova Scotia, eighty-one years ago, the late Mrs. Burns came to British Columbia a quarter of a century ago and after living at Ketchikan, Alaska, for several years, came to Victoria to make her home. She had been an invalid for fourteen years.

She leaves to mourn her loss her sister-in-law, Mrs. F. S. Bone, with whom she had made her home during the last few months, and distant relatives in western Canada.

The remains are resting at the B.C. Funeral Chapel from where the funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. E. P. Church officiating and interment will be in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

Robert Murdoch was congratulated by the Kiwanis Club to-day upon his election by acclamation as a member of the Oak Bay School Board.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hearing of a statutory charge against James Grierson was held in City Police Court this morning and adjourned till to-morrow for judgment.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Mt. Douglas High School will hold a concert in the school auditorium Friday evening.

Simon Froch, charged in Oak Bay Police Court this morning with begging, pleaded not guilty and was remanded till to-morrow.

Permit for construction of a five-room dwelling at 2629 Aqueduct Street was taken out by E. Stevenson at the City Hall yesterday.

One shirt and three suits of underwear were taken by prowlers from the Hong Lung Laundry, 637 Princess Avenue, Sunday night, it was reported to police yesterday afternoon.

A 500 card party will be held at Mt. Douglas High School, Cedar Hill Road, Thursday evening at 8.15, under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Tenders of the Ramsey Adams Foundry Company for supplying cast-iron pipe fittings, at a cost of \$1,186.34, was accepted by the City Council yesterday evening.

The British Columbia Agricultural Association's application for its annual grant of \$5,000 was referred to the estimates committee by the City Council yesterday evening.

The Victoria Horticultural Society has endorsed a suggestion of Fred Landsberg for cultivation of vacant city land by unemployed, the City Council was informed yesterday evening. The welfare committee is handling the matter.

An exchange of land, in which the city will acquire lots adjacent to the Oaklands School grounds, was approved by the City Council yesterday evening. The land acquired will be used for school purposes.

A proposal of an economic conference of all interested bodies in Canada on the question of unemployment was referred by the Victoria Council yesterday evening to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Eastern visitors at the Empress Hotel over the week-end included F. E. Halls of Winnipeg, vice-president of Carter-Halls-Aldinger Limited, well-known firm of western Canadian contractors. Mr. Halls left the city by the midnight boat for Vancouver.

The British Columbia branch of the National Institute for the Blind is not sponsoring any concert in Victoria this month, Fred Landsberg, who was in charge of the drive for funds here, and who is closely connected with the institution, stated this morning.

An illustrated lecture will be given by J. A. Brown in Belmont, Avenue 14, at 8 o'clock. The lecturer will take his audience through parts of England and Scotland ending with the National War Shrine at Edinburgh.

A settlement of the problem arising out of employment of a man and wife by the city at the same time, which was against the fixed policy in this regard, was made by the City Council yesterday evening when superannuation of the husband was decided upon as he had reached the required age.

Rev. Douglas Brown, an evangelist who has been in England, Scotland, Ireland and the Shetland Isles, and traveled the United States with a gospel fishing schooner, will take place at a holding revival here to-morrow and will come to Victoria and is conducting a revival at the Nazareth Church.

The first Baptist Church will hold its annual congregational supper to-morrow evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Sunday school. The annual business meeting of the church will take place at 8 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Reports from the various organizations of the church will be presented, and the budget will be adopted. There will be a short musical programme.

The re-elected Saanich Council will be sworn in for 1932 on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak. The ceremony will be followed by a brief meeting, at which the principal business will be announcement of council committees and first meeting of the annual loan by-law. The first meeting of the 1932 School Board will be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

A notable increase took place this week in the number of weekly passes issued by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company Limited. Car operators reported sales of several hundred more passes than the average of preceding weeks. The increase is ascribed to the laying up of many cars following announcement by Chief of Police Heatley that owners of cars operated without 1932 licenses would be prosecuted.

Councillor F. T. Roberts, re-elected on Saturday by Ward Seven as its representative on the Saanich Council, will seek official instructions from Ottawa as to whether he will be permitted to continue his municipal services while employed as a letter carrier. An order-in-council passed by the Dominion Government on Saturday prohibits most civil servants from being candidates in municipal elections, but the regulation is not understood to be retroactive.

As a result of a motor crash on the Island Highway near Courtenay, B.C., in which it is claimed that Dick Watson, a little boy, was critically injured, action for damages of an undetermined amount, was started in the Supreme Court here to-day against Kathleen E. Roberts, 2538 Fund Bay Road, by Frank Higgins, K.C., as counsel for Herbert Douglas Watson, Emily Watson and Dick Watson, all of 1935 Watson Street. The cause of the accident, driving was the cause of the accident.

Lodge Alexandra, No. 114, Sons of England, held their annual installation of officers on Saturday evening. The installing officer being Worthy District Brother A. Wynn. Members of Lodge Alexandra, No. 151, acted as official guides. Officers installed were: Past president, J. Stephenson; president, J. T. Willoughby; vice-president, Ashworth; chaplain, R. Kent; secretary, J. Smith; treasurer, B. F. Shepherd; first committeeman, G. W. Carey; second committeeman, F. Rawnsley; third committeeman, G. Jackson; fourth committeeman, G. Brown; fifth committeeman, R. Lidstone; sixth committeeman, T. W. Spencer; inside guard, H. Lane; outside guard, W. Langley; auditor, A. M. Gonnell; P. Rawnsley and L. J. Skelton; trustees, T. Nute and J. Baron.

Things Look Better Already Says Mayor

ASK GRANT TO ADVERTISE B.C. POSTPONE DEBT, BORROW ALL RELIEF COSTS, CUT CIVIC SALARIES, HE ADVISES

“Getting Optimistic” Regarding Civic Finances, He Tells Kiwanis Club To-day

Three weeks' occupancy of the mayor's chair have made me view Victoria's prospects in more rosy hues," Mayor David Leeming this afternoon told the Victoria Kiwanis Club at the Empress Hotel, in the course of a review of the city's financial position.

"The council of 1932 is faced with more problems than generally falls to the lot of councils. When I first went into office I felt a certain pessimism, but as I get familiar with affairs I am getting more optimistic. With a little courage I believe Victoria will come through her troubles satisfactorily," he said.

The mayor recalled that Victoria had collected eighty-eight cents on the dollar of last year's levy. There was a surplus in the sinking funds such as many cities could not show, and the city was annually reducing the municipal debt by \$416,000. When he was in the council, some years ago, the city's debt was around \$19,000,000. It had been steadily reduced, and after offsetting accumulated sinking fund, now amounted to only \$12,360,000.

"I think we have been paying off our debt too quickly," he commented, saying Victoria was "slogging over the hill" to ensure a low debt in ten years' time.

Because of this prospect he believed Victoria was warranted in seeking extension of part of the debt annually maturing to relieve present taxpayers such deferment would be "passing such a debt to posterity," as he, and most citizens now living, expected to be living in ten years.

Mayor Leeming discussed the unemployment relief situation. He decried the scope of the city's \$500,000 works programme of sewer and water works extension. The project had been reduced to \$238,000, and the added burden of over \$200,000 must fall on the taxpayers unless the trenches were to be left open.

The city's programme had been decried by the federal government. The city's pledge to eliminate unemployment had been changed to direct relief. Such changes had to be carefully investigated. Headquarters and a special staff were now being organized to take the city's programme for aid proposed against direct relief preferring jobs.

MANY WORKLESS

There were over 2,000 workless in Victoria, of whom 1,200 were registered. The city had been taking care of 700 married men and 300 single men. It was estimated that fifty or sixty per cent of the unemployed would be discharged by the investigators.

Mayor Leeming urged the city to appeal to the Kiwanis to provide all jobs possible for workless.

Application had been made to the government for approval of a requirement that men give service for relief. The whole council supported the proposal, believing unemployment relief to be desirable.

Mayor Leeming told of the city's actions regarding payment of interest and debentures in New York funds or in gold. Premier Tolmie and bonds acting for gold would be paid accordingly.

Any heavy increase in the tax rate would cause a severe loss of revenue. He therefore proposed to ask the government to permit the city to borrow and enter into a contract of payment of part of the debentures falling due. "This may be termed 'rotten finance' but I believe it to be good business."

The mayor also supported reductions in civic salaries, believing that council members would keep down the rate of their salaries and would successfully carry the city through a difficult period.

"If I can carry through this programme it will mean we will place the city on the best occupied three years ago," he concluded.

A plan by which revenue can be obtained for British Columbia on income, which residents enjoy outside of the province but never bring into the province will be submitted to the Conservative caucus when it meets in Victoria during the session.

Private members of the legislature have secured legal opinion on what is anticipated will prove a big source of revenue, as many residents are believed to be holders of extensive investments in other parts of the world, the income of which is paid into and allowed to remain in banks in other provinces.

The money never comes into the province, but it can be sent here by cheques issued on the outside banks. According to high legal authority obtained by members of the House, income can not tax these outside incomes, even though they are enjoyed by British Columbia residents. Thus many rich men enjoy large incomes and pay relatively small taxes, it is stated.

Under the new plan the outside income would not be taxed at all. It would be assessed at \$55,000. Then he would be taxed at a later date, questions concerning the personal and social problems of youth would be discussed.

The social period directed by George Gordon and Rev. James Warr was greatly enjoyed. The programme included community singing and other forms of recreation. Refreshments were served under the direction of the Fairfield Society.

As a result of a recent motor crash on Yates Street, Ralph Calladine was to-day awarded \$5 damages by the judgment given by Judge Lampman against William John Mason, in the trial. Mr. Calladine, through his counsel, Gordon A. Cameron, claimed \$350 damages had been suffered by his car, which was of a costly make, but the judge stated he could not allow for this, and said he would assess the damages at the minimum. Henry C. Hall, K.C., conducted the defence.

COWICHAN AGAIN SHIPPING LOGS

Logging operations are again being conducted on a large scale at Lake Cowichan. The first logging train to operate over the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway will run to-morrow, and will bring about twenty cars of logs to the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company's big mill at Chemainus.

The service from Lake Cowichan will be one train daily. It has been suspended since December 20, when the large camps closed down.

TWO HUNDRED ROTARIANS ARE EXPECTED HERE

Sydney W. Pascall, Rotary International President, Will Head Delegation

Reservations Are Being Made at Empress Hotel For Delegates From All Parts

Sydney W. Pascall of London, Eng., president of Rotary International, will visit Victoria in June for the International Assembly. Preliminary to the opening of the Rotary International Convention in Seattle on June 20, Rotarians from all parts of the world will meet in Victoria.

The international board of directors will hold sessions here from June 10 to 14 and the international assembly from June 15 to 18, with headquarters at the Empress Hotel. It is expected that over two hundred delegates will attend.

Reservations are now being received at the Empress Hotel from delegates who contemplate coming for the assembly.

The first vice-president of Rotary International is Robert E. Henn of Richmond, Ind.; second vice-president, Biagio Borriello of Naples, Italy, and third vice-president, John Nelson of Montreal.

The board of directors is made up of the following: W. de Cook of The Hague, Netherlands; Joseph W. Jackson of Madison, Wis.; Miguel Aranda of Petropolis, Brazil; Luis Machado of Havana, Cuba; Sir Charles A. Mander of Wolverhampton, Eng.; Johannes Martens of Oslo, Norway; Abit Nix of Athens, Ga.; Almon E. Roth of Stanford University, Cal.; Frederick A. Schaffer of Globe, Ariz.; Walter Walcott of San Antonio, Texas; Charles R. Perry of Chicago, Ill.; and R. F. Chapin, treasurer, of Chicago.

It is expected that most of the Rotary directors will come to the coast for the convention this year. Sir Charles Mander has indicated his intention to come, and he will be accompanied from England by Lady Mander.

Luis Machado is President of the Republic of Cuba.

Prominent among the district governors of Rotary are: Mario A. Muri of Holguin, Cuba; Giuseppe Belluzzo of Rome, Italy; Andre Garicot of Angers, France; Henry J. Gault of Seattle, Wash.; H. A. Lorentz of Pretoria, Transvaal; Jan Kalf of Wassenaar, Netherlands; Miguel M. Arroyo of Zamora, Spain; Henry E. Wright of Liege, Belgium; Francisco Marzellan of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Manuel G. Pagale of Santiago, Chile; Harry H. Cummins of Tamsui, China; George S. Plazek of Czechoslovakia; Thor Leif Evinth of Bergen, Norway; Jorge Soto Corral of Bogota, Colombia; Takashi Iwaki of Yokohama, Japan; Samuel A. Leno de Moura of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; George D. Stutzman, Germany; Frederick B. Burley of Sydney, Australia; Ernesto Schaeffer of Guatemala City, and H. C. Hetweg-Mikkelsen of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Richardson explained that the last eighteen months he had been out of the longest spell of liberty he has had in more than a quarter of a century.

The two prisoners said that after their last release from jail, they had decided to stay out in the open for a change and choose fishing as an occupation. They acquired a fishing boat and started operations in the waters of the Gulf Islands. "We went all right for a while, they explained, when along came the big depression."

"Now we fish all day and all we can get is two cents a pound for whitefish and 10 cents a whole fish for salmon," said Richardson. "We haven't been able on these prices to pay for our gasoline to run the fish boat. We haven't been able to get any money ahead with which to buy anything. With no clothes and no food, what were we to do?"

The judge did not answer the question, except by saying two years with hard labor for Richardson and six months with hard labor for Rose.

The Provincial Police caught the pair after they had broken into the summer home at Burgoyne Bay, Salt Spring Island, of Bert Lemon of Victoria. Besides food, Prosecutor Sydney Child explained to the court, the two men had equipped themselves with clocks, cameras, Indian sweaters, flannel shirts, slickers and mackintoshes.

St. Andrew's A.Y.P. Holds Gathering

The regular meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Young People's Society was held yesterday evening. During the devotional period Miss Jeanman Lauder read the scripture lesson, and Miss Merna Funder led in prayer. Miss Ruth Beach led the discussion on "Jesus, Our Ideal."

Following the business meeting, short talks on E. Pauline Johnson, Blaise Cernan and Charles G. D. Roberts were given by Margaret Stewart, Audrey Richmond and Marjorie Kennedy respectively.

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PRAIRIE PEOPLE MORE HOPEFUL

Victor Sifton Says More Moisture This Season Should Assure Normal Crop

Victor Sifton, president and general manager of The Regina Leader-Post, arrived in the city to-day and registered at the Empress Hotel with George V. Ferguson, news editor of The Winnipeg Free Press.

"There has been more moisture in Saskatchewan since last August than in any similar period within the last four years, and if this continues throughout the winter there should be a normal crop," said Mr. Sifton.

Mr. Sifton, who is on his way to the prairies, is more hopeful.

Messrs. Sifton and Ferguson were among the prairie newspapermen who came west to attend the meeting of the Canadian Press Association in Vancouver. They plan to leave to-night for Regina.

SAANICH RECOUNT MAKES NO CHANGES

Few alterations were made in the Saanich election returns when the official recount was conducted yesterday by R. F. Sewell, returning officer.

Reeve William Crouch increased his majority by five, being given a total of 1,737, or eight more than the total count of 1,129. Rev. M. W. J. Bruce received three added ballots to bring his total up to 1,360 votes.

In the Police Commission contest L. W. Goddard lost ten votes of his lead over Commissioner King, the final count being: Goddard, 1,652; King, 1,602; majority for Goddard 150.

In the School Board recount Frank H. Partridge lost three votes for a total of 1,945. Rev. M. W. J. Bruce unchanged at 1,948. A. E. Hull gained three at 1,597 and John Reid with 1,112 advanced five points.

No changes were made in any of the council returns.

Rev. A. Acherson Lytle was welcomed to-day as a new member of the Kiwanis Club. He was introduced by J. B. Cleithus.

William Luney this afternoon gave the Kiwanis Club a report on the Chetahs convention of district trustees. The district convention would be held in Bellingham, probably in August, he reported.

Chemalunus, Jan. 19.—Funeral services were held for the late Joshua Freeman Marshall on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Calvary Baptist Church.

YOUNG CHURCH PEOPLE RALLY

Two Hundred and Fifty at New Year's Meeting at Fairfield

Announcement Made of Youth Conference to Be Held in Victoria

More than 250 young people representative of twelve United Churches in Victoria and district gathered at Fairfield United Church yesterday evening for their annual new year's rally.

James McCague, president of the Victoria Union, presided. Artists who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were Miss Dorothy Wilson, Miss E. D. Smith, George Derrick, Miss Della Hollins and P. Hollins. Rev. Hugh Nixon led the devotional exercises.

The feature of the evening was an address given by Mrs. Dilworth on "Courage," in which he sketched the present economic and social conditions. "No political or economic question exists that should not bear the light of Christian truth," the speaker said in challenging young people to make earnest studies of the present situation in relation to Christian teaching.

Mr. Dilworth referred to the great possibilities wrapped up in the league and potential power of 74,000 young people who were active members of the United Church Young People's Societies in Canada.

The speaker was introduced by Douglas McCann, president of the Centennial Young People's Society, and a vote of thanks moved by Cecil Davies of James Bay United Church.

Miss Merna Funder, president of the Young People's Union, were read.

Rev. Bruce Gray announced that arrangements were being made for a youth conference to be held in Victoria in conjunction with the Vancouver Union, looking forward to a Dominion-wide rally at a later date. Questions concerning the personal and social problems of youth would be discussed.

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Three Famous Stars Have Enjoyed Great Run in Athletic World

Ed "Strangler" Lewis Proves Veteran Athlete of Them All

Tommy Armour May Come Through as Successor to Bobby Jones

BABE RUTH, Bill Tilden and Jack Dempsey are about the same age. The Babe will be thirty-eight when February 7 rolls around. Dempsey will be thirty-seven, June 24 and Tilden will be thirty-nine, February 10. Dempsey seems still to cling to the dream that he can come back. Tilden, after eighteen hard campaigns under summer's broiling sun, announces that he will be ready to quit after two more seasons with the New York Yankees. He looks for those taperegs to carry his 225 pounds through another season like the last, and still another.

These three are going down the sunset trail still fighting. And though Dempsey is the younger of the three the odds against his success in regaining the heavyweight championship should be about fifty to one. No such odds could be laid against Ruth's performance with the bat, however. And if Coach and Bill Tilden is just about the peer of any tennis player in the world.

Dempsey's condition is a measure of the tremendous toll boxing takes. The degree of wind and limb perfection required of the fighter is far above that of any other sport. Perhaps the reason lies in the punches a fighter must absorb. Tilden plays one of the most strenuous of games, doesn't get knocked around as Dempsey does in his furious battles with Tunney and Firpo, or in the one with Bill Brennan. Dempsey remained at his peak for about five years. He lasted from 1919 as champion but he was on the down grade when Tunney caught up with him at Philadelphia. That was nearly six years ago.

Ed "Strangler" Lewis is past forty. He has had about 1,300 matches in his career. Think of it. Lewis was beginning to show signs of age when Jack Johnson was heavyweight champion of the world. Johnson, Willard, Dempsey and Tunney have passed from the picture since Lewis started wrestling. And there are not many that would beat against Lewis to-day no matter who his opponent happened to be.

It begins to appear that in casting around here and there for a successor to Bobby Jones the casters forgot all about one great golfer. That golfer is Tommy Armour, British open champion of 1931, and the same player who posted a neat 285 recently to win the Miami open, just north of his deers. The tidings from Miami can mean only one thing, that Tommy's erratic putter has started to work right. And just as long as that club behaves it will ride along in comfort and luxury in the bag of sticks of a champion.

The dazzling driving and approach shots have always made Armour famous. These woods and irons have always been his pals. Often his drives at Miami were over 275 yards. But the powerful hands that handle a driver and iron so well could never attain that poetry of motion on the greens upon which Jones seems to have a copy-right.

Armour is one of the most remarkable men in golf, or any other sport, when you look back over his deeds. He lost the sight of his left eye during the Great War. His left arm was shattered by shrapnel. However, Tommy went right back to the game he played as a boy with Bobby Cruickshank. Soon he not only had overcome the handicap of his injuries, but was playing a better game. For nine years after going to the United States, Armour fought with but small results. Then at the U.S. open at Oakmont, in 1927, Armour came through with a brilliant tally to tie Harry Cooper for first place and then defeat him in the play-off for the championship.

In the first round in the 1929 U.S. Open golf championship, Bobby Jones accomplished a feat rarely seen in national competition when he scored five times in a row.

Jones started the round badly, shooting 6-4-5 on the first three holes over par. But on the 514-yard fourth hole, the ball started to roll. A long drive and a spoon brought the ball up forty feet from the cup. He dropped the putt for an eagle three. Shooting par for the rest of the nettled Bobby thirty-eight, two over par.

Then Jones went to work. It was a pinch, and he gave the best golf that he had. He scored a par three on the tenth. This was followed by a birdie three on the eleventh. On the long 498-yard twelfth his drive and No. 3 iron sent the ball up twenty feet from the flag. A putt brought him an eagle three.

On the thirteenth his ball found a trap, but he blasted out for his fourth consecutive three. It was on the fourteenth that he played his best shot of the tournament, a beautiful recovery from deep rough with a spade, the ball stopping five yards from the cup.

From there to the eighteenth he had easy sailing, making four straight fours.

Waseda University Will Play Touring Canucks on January 21 in Famous Meiji Shrine Stadium; Second Match on January 24 Will Be Against Doshisha University Club; Probable Line-ups Announced

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 19.—The Meiji Shrine Stadium in which the Canadian rugby team will open its Japanese tour against Waseda (Tokio) University on January 21; is set amidst beautiful surroundings, close to the great Shinto Shrine erected to the spirit of the Emperor Meiji, grandfather of the present emperor and imperial founder of modern Japan.

HOLDOUTS ARE WORRYING ALL MAJOR TEAMS

Ben Chapman, Sensational Base Stealer of New York Yankees, Not Satisfied

New York Giants Have Lindstrom and Fitzsimmons Added to Growing List

New York, Jan. 19. — Of all the holdouts, real and alleged, who have bobbed up since the baseball front offices began mailing out contracts a fortnight ago, those who wear the livery of the New York Yankees probably have the best chance of making their arguments stick.

It is no secret that the Ruppertmen are gunning for the 1932 American League pennant, and the consensus is they will not let a few thousand dollars stand between them and a spot at the flag.

Since the announcement the Philadelphia Athletics would stand pat with last year's line-up, the Yankees feel they have at least an even chance of beating Connie Mack's veteran team to the wire next year.

CHAPMAN NOT SATISFIED Ben Chapman, who advised the Yankees yesterday he was not satisfied with the contract offered him, was the spark plug of the 1931 Yankee attack. He didn't hit as high as several of his team mates, but he was the leading base stealer of the major leagues and was immensely popular with the Yankee stadium clientele.

The same in Babe Ruth's case. So far, he and Colonel Ruppert have made no effort to smooth out their difficulty—the difference between \$60,000 and \$70,000 a year.

There is no certainty that some of the players will encounter easy sailing, especially those attached to clubs with no real pennant prospects. Dazzy Vance and Al Lopez, crack battery mates of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who have asked for reductions of 40 percent and 10 percent, respectively, probably have a real battle on their hands.

GIANTS IN TROUBLE It is felt the New York Giants will make a strong effort to come to terms with their three avowed holdouts, Billy Terry, Freddie Lindstrom and Fred Fitzsimmons, before they start for spring camp at Los Angeles, February 14. They have a promising substitute for Terry in Young Sam Leslie, who signed yesterday, and McGraw is known to be negotiating heavily on Lindstrom and Fitzsimmons.

In addition to Leslie, the Giants received signed contracts from Travis Jackson, veteran shortstop, and Jim Mooney, sensational young southpaw from Bridgeport.

The Yankees came to terms with their shortstop, Lyn Lary, and Brooklyn was reported negotiating with Glenn Wright, team captain and shortstop.

Vancouver Sends Out Invitations To Big Bonspiel

Curlers of Victoria or those visiting here from the prairies are invited to attend the Vancouver Curling Club's bonspiel to be held in the Vancouver Forum from February 8 to February 13.

Ten sheets of ice are available for the meet, which will include six open competitions.

Any curlers interested in the bonspiel are requested to communicate with Tom McGee, 120 Linden Avenue, Victoria, for further information. Mr. McGee may be reached between 5 and 7 o'clock in the evening by telephoning 9297.

The stadium is in a magnificent park, called the Meiji Shrine outer gardens (Meiji Jingu-en), in which also is the stately memorial museum erected to the memory of the Emperor Meiji, containing huge mural paintings depicting outstanding events of the Meiji era, and many objects relating to the reign of the emperor, as well as many of his personal belongings.

The lineup of the Waseda team which the Canadians will meet in these historic surroundings will probably be: Fullback—Kitamura. Three-quarters—Yoshida, Araga, Ka. Nago.

Halfbacks—Hayashi, Ilmor, Nogami. Forwards—Ota (captain), Matsubara, Ono, Kiyose, Onishi, Okamoto and Tagawa.

The referee probably will be Mera, one of the three best rugby referees in Tokyo, the others being Hashimoto, a Keio University old boy, and Kiyose, an Imperial University old boy. Mera is also an Imperial University old boy.

KA OUTSTANDING Of the Waseda team, Ka is the outstanding player. The captain, Ota, excels in the forward line. Both are members of the Japanese team that visited Canada. Kiyose (the player, not the referee) is dangerous as a place kicker.

The Canadians' second match on January 24 with the Doshisha (Kyoto) University fifteen, will be at the Hana-zono field in the suburbs of Osaka. This is the official field of the Japan Rugby Union, and was specially laid out for the tour in splendid condition. It is the best rugby field in the Orient.

The probable lineup of the Doshisha fifteen is: Fullback—Hashimoto. Three-quarters—Nomura, Sugimoto, Cho, Takano, Takimoto. Halfbacks—Inui, Tanaka. Forwards—Fujii, Katsura, Masu, Mihama (captain), Matsumi, Nichimura and Tachi Ana.

The Doshisha University team uses five three-quarters and two halfbacks. This team was beaten by the Waseda fifteen 21 to 10 on January 4.

Hockey Games Carded To-night

NATIONAL LEAGUE New York Americans at Toronto. Canadiens at New York. Chicago at Boston.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE Pittsburgh at London. Syracuse at Detroit.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Chicago at St. Louis.

SENIOR O.H.A. Hamilton at Port Colborne.

Amateur Athletic Union Officials Declare Him Ineligible Through Picture Work

Former "World's Fastest Human" Becomes Peeved; Officials Make No Comment

Los Angeles, Jan. 19. — Charley Paddock, of California, once known as the "world's fastest human," was refused a registration card yesterday evening by officials of the Southern Pacific branch of the A.A.U., practically barring the runner from amateur athletic competition. Officials would not comment, but Paddock attributed the action to his moving picture activities.

Arnold Eddy, chairman of the A.A.U. registration board, said: "We have refused Charley Paddock a registration card," and would say no more.

PADDOCK PEEVED Paddock was rather incensed about the action and had little to say himself. He maintained that he had been cleared of charges in connection with his movie work and said: "I am told that I am barred from the A.A.U. and that that was the reason my card was held up."

From A.A.U. officials other than Eddy it was established that the registration committee had based the sprinter because of his film and other activities held to be contrary to A.A.U. rules.

Charles Conacher continues to be the leading goal scorer in the Canadian division, with 20 to his credit, but only three assists. His centre-ice teammate, Primeau, has 22 assists and 3 goals to keep pace with Jackson and Smith.

Rangers also lead in penalties, their defence giant, "Ching" Johnson, being in the van in this respect with 64 minutes on the bench. "Red" Horner of Toronto's Leafs leads the Canadian division with 61 minutes.

WOMEN'S MEDAL ROUND The women's monthly medal round will be played at the Colwood Club on Thursday. The competition was originally scheduled last week, but was cancelled on account of the weather.

The Strangler won the third fall in 3 minutes, 40 seconds, when he hit Visser in the face with a powerful right-hand blow, knocking the local mat man to the canvas and out for several minutes to end the match. Visser weighed 218, Lewis 235.

for a thirty-one, or five under par. The total was sixty-nine, his best score in a U.S. Open tourney up to that time.

Miracles of Sport



Weakened Rangers To Meet Canadiens

New Yorkers Will Take Ice To-night Minus Brennan, Bun Cook and Siebert

Rejuvenated Americans Tackle Toronto at Home; Boston and Chicago Battle

Canadian Press Toronto, Jan. 19.—Montreal Maroons and Detroit Falcons, cellar-occupants of their respective groups, will be the only clubs when the National Hockey League continues its heavy week's schedule in Toronto, Boston and New York to-night.

Puffy recovered from their disastrous slump which dropped them from first to third place, New York Americans are the attraction in Toronto, where they engage the Rangers. Judging from their Sunday night's performance when they shut out the Toronto entry, 4 to 0, Americans have an excellent chance of pulling within a single point of the leaders with a victory to-night.

On the other hand, the Queen City club must win in order to strengthen their position on the top run and hold a season's edge over Eddie Gerard's club.

Canadians will aim at their initial victory of the campaign over Rangers when they meet the strong Patrick squad in one of the other fixtures at New York. Both clubs will be handicapped to some extent through injuries, as no less than three players are likely to be missing from the Ranger line-up and one from Canada. Bun Cook, regular left-winger, and Doug Brunan and Earl Siebert, sturdy defencemen, are the trio who may be absent from the blue-shirted club, while Albert "Battleship" Ledner will be the only absentee from the world champions' roster.

SECOND PLACE AT STAKE Second place in the American group will be at stake when two crippled clubs, Boston and Chicago, meet for the fifth time this season, although Bruins held Canadian to a 2-to-2 tie in Montreal Saturday night, minus four of their regulars, including Eddie Shore, Cooney Weiland, Harry Oliver and "Tiny" Thompson. The Boston entry will have to step to-night in order to keep pace with the Hawks. The Chicago entry will also be handicapped for the game as Johnny Gottselig, their capable left-winger, and Steve Adams are both out of the line-up with injuries.

Winnipeg to Use Molloy For Games

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—Norman Molloy, right winger of Selkirk in the senior city league, has been added to the squad Winnipeg will take to Lake Placid, N.Y., to represent Canada in the Olympic games. It was announced yesterday evening. He will work on the second-string forward line with T. Garbutt and Stoney Wise, replacing Zen Moore who has failed to show the form he did a year ago.

Moore, who played with Regina's Canadian junior champions, two seasons back, suffered a broken arm during the Allan Cup play-downs last season. He will be taken with the team to Lake Placid.

By Robert Edgren

Leading Canadian and U.S. Players Seek Tennis Titles

Ranking Aces Open Play To-day in Canadian Indoor Championships at Montreal; George Lott, Second Ranking Player in U.S., Will Defend His Single Crown; Marcel Rainville Is Leading Canuck Threat Finals to Be Played Saturday

Canadian Press Montreal, Jan. 19.—With George M. Lott Jr., Chicago, second ranking United States tennis player, defending his singles title the fifth annual Canadian open indoor tennis championship started to-day at the Montreal Indoor Tennis Club. Besides Lott the U.S. contingent is composed of Gilbert Hall, South Orange, N.J.; Fritz Mercier, Bethlehem, Pa.; Berkeley Bell, Austin, Tex. and five Boston players. Eleven first-round singles matches are carded for to-day.

The first round singles will be finished and the first round of the doubles will start to-morrow with further eliminations in singles and doubles on Thursday. The semi-finals of both will be run off on Friday afternoon and evening with the finals taking place Saturday afternoon.

Lott, Hall, Mercier and Bell with the majority of the twenty-three local players will be in action to-day, while the five Boston players will arrive here to-morrow and compete in their first round singles matches the same day. RAINVILLE ENTERED

The Canadian seeded players, Marcel Rainville, Montreal, member of last year's Davis Cup team; Charles Leslie, Montreal; Roland Longtin, Montreal, and Leo Boucher, also of Montreal, with the four leading American players, are expected to be still in the running on the completion of the first round of the singles. Close competition is looked for in the following rounds of the singles, and Lott will have to play his best tennis to hang on to his title.

In the doubles a hard fight is anticipated with the four seeded pairs—Lott and Rainville, H. P. Emard, Montreal, and Longtin, Bell and Hall, and Leslie and Boucher—at practically the same strength. While Lott and Rainville are considered the strongest combination, they will have no easy task to take the title. Lott and Van Ryn won last year, and which Mercier and Hall captured in 1930.

Wednesday League Eleven Will Resume Play in Pendra Cup Competition

All-star Team to Perform in Nanaimo on Sunday Picked By Saturday League

Wednesday League football teams will resume play to-morrow afternoon in the Pendra Cup series. Two matches will be played with the Hudson's Bay and Garrison meeting at Beacon Hill and Saanich United and the C.P.R. clashing at the Royal Athletic Park. Both games will commence at 2.30 o'clock.

To date only one match has been played in the series, the Navy trouncing the C.P.R. eleven 9 to 0 seven weeks ago. The mid-week eleven have engaged in two cup competitions to far this season with the B.C. 11 in the Hayward Cup, while last Wednesday the Navy won the Rennie at Taylor Cup.

At a meeting of the Victoria and District League held yesterday evening the all-star local eleven to play Nanaimo next Sunday was selected. The team follows: Goal—Louis De Costa, Esquimalt. Right back—Joe Watt, Esquimalt. Left back—George Leggett, (Jokers). Right half—Eddie Viggers, (Saanich). Centre half—Joe Crowe, (Saanich). Left half—Dave Stewart (Victory West). Inside right—Scotty Stewart (Esquimalt). Outside right—Ernie Betteridge (Jokers). Inside left—Mike Wagland (Esquimalt). Outside left—Fred Gibbons (Saanich). Reserves—Martin (Victoria City) and Bob Preston (Jokers). Manager—Doc Poynts (Victory West).

The team will leave on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock from the Bluff Depot, Yates Street. The match will get under way at 2.30 o'clock. Fans wishing to make the trip are requested to communicate with J. Bloom, at the Veterans of France, as soon as possible, as the accommodation will be limited.

Lesieur Recalled By Les Canadiens

Providence, R.I., Jan. 19.—Art Lesieur, Providence defence star, was recalled yesterday evening by Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League who own the player. Lesieur will report to the Canadiens to-night at New York for their game with the Rangers. Lesieur, a forward, will join the Red in place of Lesieur.

POOR PA BY CLAUDE CALLAN

"When Uncle Andy lost his wife he got out an' married again, an' when he lost his health he was fairly cheerful, but when he lost his fortune he went to pieces."

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BRITISH FOOTBALL

LEAGUE STANDING

First Division				
	P.	W.	L.	
Everton	24	16	7	
West Bromwich Albion ..	25	13	7	
Aston Villa	24	13	7	

sted.	Newcastle United	24	14	8
eady	Sheffield United	25	14	9
avor	Arsenal	24	11	7
give	Huddersfield Town	24	11	7
two	Sheffield Wednesday	24	12	8
	Liverpool	24	12	8

Birmingham	24	11	9
Bolton Wanderers	25	11	11
Middlesbrough	24	9	10
Manchester City	25	7	9
Portsmouth	23	9	10
Blackburn Rovers	25	9	12

not	West Ham United	24	9	12
such	Derby County	25	8	12
all at	Chelsea	25	10	14
	Leicester City	23	8	13
	Sunderland	25	5	12
	Blackpool	24	6	15

Grimsey Town	24	5	16
Second Division			
Leeds United	24	16	4
Wolverhampton Wanderers'	24	14	4
Stoke City	24	13	5

while	Bradford	24	14	6
	Bury	24	14	6
the	Plymouth Argyle	24	12	6
ould	Notts County	24	9	8
ove-	Southampton	24	11	10
	Millwall	24	10	10

Bradford City	24	8	9
Nottingham Forest	24	8	9
Tottenham Hotspurs	24	8	10
Port Vale	24	9	11
Swansea Town	24	10	13
Chesterfield Town	24	10	13

Stock-	Oldham Athletic	24	7	11
al-	Burnley	24	7	11
cities,	Barnsley	23	8	12
State	Preston North End	24	6	11
tion	Manchester United	24	7	13
	Charlton Athletic	23	5	13

Bristol City	24	3	15
Third Division (Southern Section)			
Brentford	23	14	4
Crystal Palace	23	12	5
Fulham	23	12	6



Wheat Prices Drop On Liquidation By Southern Interests

Canadian Press
Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—Unloading by Chicago and New York interests gave a downward bias to wheat prices at the grain pit here to-day. Losses of one cent to 1½ cents were recorded at the close. May dropped one cent to close at 63½. July lost a like amount to finish at 64½ to 65½. October eased 1½ to 65½.

Failure of foreign markets to follow North American price advances and indifferent attitude of the speculators led to quite heavy selling. It was believed a small export trade was worked but foreign interest generally was small. Millers were more interested in cheap Argentine wheat.

The market was active only in the initial period and the volume of trade for the day was considerably less than that of Monday. Local traders did not at any time press wheat for sale. With the exception of ½ cent better spreads for No. 3 Northern, the cash market was dead. Demand for flour was very low. Coarse grain trading was light with no business reported.

To-day's Grain Markets

WINNIPEG
(By Logan & Bryan)
Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—Wheat: The wheat market was dull and inactive after the first few minutes to-day. At the start there was a little liquidation by locals and price fell away from 1½ to 1 cent under the close last night. The May month getting up against the daily bids which brought in a little support, and with offering a poor light the market was able to hold steady on fractionally above the close most of the day but the slight returns were difficult to hold and the market made new lows during the last half hour.

There was no feature to the market to-day and the buying that has been so much in evidence the past two days was absent. The market was very quiet and was reported to have been worked from seaboard there was no business out of this market, and no outside interest was shown.

The Chicago market was weaker than Winnipeg, at one time breaking 1½ cents below the previous close, but recovered most of this loss later on. There was no business passing in the cash market. Offerings continued very light and all spreads were unchanged except on the Durums which were boosted one cent.

Foreign news was rather disappointing. Broomfield reporting a poor demand, especially for Manitobas and Liverpool closed week being unchanged to ½ higher but sterling was sharply lower. Buenos Aires was also weak.

The weather in the southwest appears to be mostly favorable at the present time and some sections are being reported. Bradstreet's world visible increased 2,694,000 bushels for the week. Country marketings the western part of the country showed a bushels against 674,000 bushels a year ago. Winnipeg futures close 1 to 1½ lower. Coarse Grains—These markets were weak selling off for lack of support. There was very little interest shown and no export business was reported. While the domestic cash demand was very quiet.

Oats closed 1½ to 1¼ lower, barley 1½ to 1¼ lower.

Flax—This market also lost some ground closing 1½ lower, trade very light and featureless.

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Oats closed $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ lower, barley $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ lower.

Flax—This market also lost some ground closing $\frac{1}{4}$ lower; trade very heavy and features were:

Liverpool due $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ lower based on Winnipeg.

Wheat—

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2
July	66 1/4	66 1/4	65 1/2	66 1/4
September	65 1/8	65 1/8	64 1/2	65 1/8

Barley—

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	33 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2
July	32 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2

Oats—

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	48 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
July	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
September	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
May	41 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
July	41 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
September	41 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2

Flax—

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	104	103 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2

but on the dips there was a buy. Receipts were small at 38 cars a primary arrivals 387,000 bushels 734,000 bushels a year ago. Cash sales 6,000 bushels and sales to arrive 40,000 bushels.

Weather was fair and mild for the season and in some sections it has been cold enough to start much of movement. Mild conditions are a talking into a mild feed takers. Outlook for trading market with wheat likely to be looked to for leadership.

Oats—Trade moderate, receipts cash estimated. Primary arrivals 18,000 bushels a year ago. Cash sales 18,000 bushels.

Rye—Easier with wheat, with no special demand. Outlook for trading market.

Wheat—

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	59 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/4	59 1/2
September	61 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2
October	60 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2
March	58 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2

Corn—

	Open	High	Low	Close
July	43 1/4	43 1/4	42 1/2	43 1/4
September	44 1/4	44 1/4	43 1/2	44 1/4
May	42 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
October	42 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2

Oats—

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
July	26 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2

Rye—

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
September	48 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
October	48 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
March	45 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2

Cash Grain Close

Wheat—3 rd. 59 1/2; 3 r. 57 1/2; 3 n. 60 1/2

Corn—3 m. 37 1/2; 38 1/4; 3 n. 37 1/2; 3 r. 38 1/2; 3 w. 37 1/2

Oats—3 w. 23 1/2; 3 r. 23 1/2; 3 w. 23 1/2

Barley—3 m. 35 1/2; 3 r. 35 1/2; 3 w. 35 1/2

Flax—3 m. 103 1/2; 3 r. 103 1/2; 3 w. 103 1/2

Cash Grain Close	Winnipeg	Offer
Wheat—	64 1/2	65 1/2
Barley—	32 1/2	33 1/2
Oats—	24 1/2	25 1/2
Flax—	40 1/2	41 1/2

INDEMNITIES FOR WEDNESDAY	Winnipeg	Bid	Offer
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Barley—	32 1/2	33 1/2	34 1/2
Oats—	24 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2
Flax—	40 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2

LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, Jan. 19.—The following wheat quotations were supplied to-day by Broomfield, Liverpool. All prices c.i.f. (cost, insurance and freight), Liverpool. Per bushel, including money.

No. 1 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 70 1/2, offer 71 1/2.

No. 2 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 69 1/2, offer 70 1/2.

No. 3 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 68 1/2, offer 69 1/2.

No. 4 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 67 1/2, offer 68 1/2.

No. 5 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 66 1/2, offer 67 1/2.

No. 6 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 65 1/2, offer 66 1/2.

No. 7 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 64 1/2, offer 65 1/2.

No. 8 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 63 1/2, offer 64 1/2.

No. 9 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 62 1/2, offer 63 1/2.

No. 10 Man. nor. Vancouver. To-day's bid 61 1/2, offer 62 1/2.

ROYAL BANK PAYS REGULAR DIVIDEND

Montreal, Jan. 19.—The Royal Bank of Canada has declared its regular dividend of 3 per cent, payable March 1.

BROKERS' LOANS OFF

Washington, Jan. 19.—Loans to brokers and dealers held by New York Federal Reserve member banks are announced by the Federal Reserve Board as \$463,000,000 for the week ending January 13, representing a decrease of \$5,000,000 as compared to the preceding week.

The loans for the week ending January 14, 1931, were \$1,520,000,000.

NEW YORK CUBA CLOSE

Argentine 5% 1937	10 1/2
Brazil 5% 1937	10 1/2
Colombia 5% 1937	10 1/2
Cuba 5% 1937	10 1/2
Chile 5% 1937	10 1/2
Costa Rica 5% 1937	10 1/2
El Salvador 5% 1937	10 1/2
Guatemala 5% 1937	10 1/2
Honduras 5% 1937	10 1/2
Nicaragua 5% 1937	10 1/2
Panama 5% 1937	10 1/2
Paraguay 5% 1937	10 1/2
Peru 5% 1937	10 1/2
Puerto Rico 5% 1937	10 1/2
Uruguay 5% 1937	10 1/2
Venezuela 5% 1937	10 1/2

CANADIAN BANKS

Commerce	10 1/2
Dominion	10 1/2
Imperial	10 1/2
Montreal	10 1/2
Nova Scotia	10 1/2
Quebec	10 1/2
Traders	10 1/2
Toronto	10 1/2

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, Jan. 19.—Raw sugar was quiet early to-day and prices showed little change of importance, with buyers showing interest at 1 1/2 for prompt delivery, while holders were asking 1 1/2.

Refined sugar was unchanged at 4 1/2 for fine granulated with demand still limited to nearby requirements.

SLIGHT LOSSES AT MONTREAL

Canadian Press
Montreal, Jan. 19.—The Montreal stock list maintained an irregular tone throughout to-day's session, with the majority of stocks showing slight losses for the day. Several "lame" registered declines of two points or more, but these represented adjustments from pegged prices recently removed or lowered.

Canadian Wire and Cable "A" reacted 6 to 8, the new minimum, while the "B" stock sold down 2½ to 18, a new low. St. Lawrence Paper preferred lost two points, selling at 9.

Canada Cement preferred at 66 was up four on the day. Restricted issues held mainly at their pegged prices. Steel of Canada common was an exception, firming ½ to 2. Shawinigan came out at 33, unchanged.

Canadian Press
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SOFTER TREND AT VANCOUVER

Canadian Press
Vancouver, Jan. 19.—The tone of stocks in the morning session of the Vancouver Stock Exchange to-day was soft and trading was the lightest in some time for a morning session. Gold again was the feature trader, opening at 16 and sinking to 15, a low for the session of 15½. Pent Oreille registered the biggest drop, selling off 1½ points from yesterday's close at \$1.05 in light turnover.

Wellington has been holding a little interest of late, selling at 2½ cents. Other stocks were Grandview, about the same at 7½, Pioneer Gold brought \$3.50 in two small sales and Reno Gold was selling at 26 in odd lots. Lake Shore was the only stock trading, selling at 9½, and in the industrial C.P.R. displayed a firm tone, being in demand at \$17.00.

Sales this morning were:
Pent Oreille 100 shares at 15½.
Pioneer Gold 100 shares at 7½.
Reno Gold 100 shares at 26.
Lake Shore 100 shares at 9½.
C.P.R. 100 shares at 17.
Wellington 100 shares at 2½.

To-day's Exchange In Canadian Money

New York, Jan. 19.—Foreign exchange easy.
Great Britain—Demand 3.45½; cables 3.45½; 60-day bills 3.40½.
France—Demand 3.95 9-16; cables 3.95 9-16; 60-day bills 3.40½.

Italy—Demand 5.03; cables 5.03½.
Belgium—Demand 13.93½.
Germany—Demand 23.93.
Holland—Demand 40.23.
Norway—Demand 18.85.
Sweden—Demand 19.45.
Denmark—Demand 19.05.
Switzerland—Demand 19.52.
Spain—Demand 8.44.
Portugal—Demand 21.7.
Greece—Demand 12.84.
Poland—Demand 11.30.
Czechoslovakia—Demand 2.96½.
Yugoslavia—Demand 1.78.
Austria—Demand 23.90.
Rumania—Demand 59½.
Argentina—Demand 25.73.
Brazil—Demand 63½.
Shanghai—Demand 38.50.
Hong Kong—Demand 86.7½.
Mexico City—Demand (silver peso) 39.75.

Demand rates are nominal.

New York, Jan. 19.—Call money steady 2½ per cent all day.
Time loans steady. 60 days 3½ to 3½; 3-6 months 3½ to 3½; 6-12 months 3½ to 3½.
Prime Commercial paper 3½ to 4. Bankers' acceptances unchanged.

LOCAL EXCHANGE

Local exchange quotations this afternoon follow:
Buying, \$3.95; selling, \$4.01.
Canadian dollar in U.S. Funds 86½.
Selling, 83½.

LONDON MARKET

London, Jan. 19.—Trading on the stock exchange to-day was adversely affected by the Lausanne Conference developments and prospects that the uncertainty regarding the international financial situation will be prolonged. Gold-edged securities dropped with sterling exchange and most industrial shares suffered under profit-taking. Japanese bonds and Sao Paulo govt. were bright spots among the foreign issues. Continental offerings upset sterling exchange, which moved against London.

LONDON METALS AND FUNDS

London, Jan. 19.—Standard copper, spot and futures, 230 1/2; electrolytic, spot and futures, 230 1/2. Tin, spot, 114 1/2; 3 months, 114 1/2. Lead, spot, 114 1/2; 3 months, 114 1/2. Zinc, spot, 114 1/2; 3 months, 114 1/2. Silver, spot, 114 1/2; 3 months, 114 1/2. Gold, spot, 114 1/2; 3 months, 114 1/2.

BAR SILVER

New York, Jan. 19.—Bar silver quiet and unchanged at 29½.
London, Jan. 19.—Bar silver firm and 1/4 higher at 19 1/4 per ounce.

CANADIAN RAIL'S Firm and Steady At Close

Canadian Press
New York, Jan. 19.—The stock market was pulled slightly higher during most of to-day's session by buying of the rails, but slid back in the last hour. Early gains of one to three points were sharply reduced, but stiffening appeared in the final dealings, and the closing tone was steady.

The turnover was only about 1,300,000 shares.

The close found a mixture of narrow gains and losses. In the rails, issues up to one to two, included Santa Fe, Pennsylvania and New Haven. U.S. Steel and American Telephone closed about unchanged, and General Motors up a fraction.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tuesday, Jan. 19
(By Logan & Bryan)
Thirty Industrials closed at \$11.10, off 0.35, on the New York stock market to-day. Twenty rails closed at \$28.25, up 0.15, and twenty utilities at \$28.80, up 0.15.

The progress of thirty industrials follows:

10.30-11.40, up 0.04.
11.40-12.40, up 0.04.
12.40-1.40, up 0.04.
1.40-2.40, up 0.04.
2.40-3.40, up 0.04.
3.40-4.40, up 0.04.
4.40-5.40, up 0.04.
5.40-6.40, up 0.04.
6.40-7.40, up 0.04.
7.40-8.40, up 0.04.
8.40-9.40, up 0.04.
9.40-10.40, up 0.04.
10.40-11.40, up 0.04.
11.40-12.40, up 0.04.
12.40-1.40, up 0.04.
1.40-2.40, up 0.04.
2.40-3.40, up 0.04.
3.40-4.40, up 0.04.
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Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

How Can the Beautiful-but-dumb Girl Attract Boys?
Shall This Man Grow a Mustache in Spite of His Wife?

DEAR MISS DIX—How can a girl who is pretty but does not smoke, drink or pet, and finds it hard to start a conversation, be the life of the party and popular with boys? How can she acquire tact? This girl is so beautiful that every one that she passes on the street openly gazes in admiration at her, but while boys are attracted by her looks, something keeps them from talking to her and asking her out.

MISS C.

Answer—No dumb girl could possibly be the life of a party. That requires a tongue that is hung in the middle and that can chatter endlessly about nothing at all.

It also requires a quick wit, a gift for wise-cracking and superabundant energy, coupled with a sense of humor and an infectious laugh, plus a lot of personality, and no one can acquire the art of being the life of the party by following any set rules. It is a gift from the gods and if you have it, you have it and if you have it not, it is just as bad, and that is all there is about it.

No girl who finds it hard to start a conversation need ever aspire to being the life of a party and she had as well turn her attentions and ambitions in some other direction.

To a degree, tact is also a gift of nature. There are people born with a sensitiveness that amounts almost to a sixth sense that enables them to know intuitively what is the right thing to do and say and how to stroke people's fur the right way. And there are other people who are like the proverbial Irishman, who never opened his mouth without putting his foot into it, who have an unerring instinct for saying the thing they should have said and whose tongues before uttering, and who never fail to do the thing that offends people and makes them their enemies.

These are the people who always drag a forbidden topic on the carpet, who twist old maids about not being married, and tell a jealous wife that they saw her philandering husband out with a pretty girl the night before, and who remark to the mother of a delicate child that it looks tubercular to them.

But while tact at its best is a talent, it can be cultivated, and by taking thought you can manufacture a very good synthetic article. The best way of doing this is by trying out things on yourself and seeing whether you would like to be told that you were getting old and fat or whether you would enjoy hearing an unkind remark that somebody had made about you, or whether you liked to be criticized. If you do not, you may be very sure that other people have just exactly the same reaction.

Nor is there any excuse for people speaking before they think if they are a grade above a moron. Great minds think with and expects us to use them for that purpose.

But I am at a loss to understand why a girl who is beautiful enough to stop traffic on the streets does not make a hit with the boys. Usually the good-looking are trailed by hordes of suitors, no matter how dumb they are, and being living pictures is an alibi for any shortcomings they may have.

As a general thing, men do not ask much, before marriage at least, of girls who are a treat to the eyes, so if they pass over your pretty friend she must have some fault that makes her persona non grata with the shells.

I do not think that not smoking and not petting would account for her unpopularity because millions of girls do not smoke, and not all men are smokers. Being a poor conversationalist would certainly score against her because most men are lazy and expect girls to entertain them as the price of taking them out. Still, there are lots of men who love the sound of their own voices and prefer a listener to a talker, especially when a girl can lend them a shell-like ear.

But some of the things that men simply will not put up with in a girl is for her to be so poor a dancer that there will be no cut-ins and her escort will be loaded up with her for an entire evening; for her not to be a good mixer and never to fit in with a crowd; for her to tell them of their faults; for her to lack appreciation; for her to be catty and censorious; for her to be too eager for attentions, and for her to show that she is pursuing them.

But no one knows really what makes a girl popular with boys. It is just that some girls have a way with them and others have not.

DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—What advice would you give this otherwise happily married couple? The husband insists on growing a mustache, much against the wishes of his wife. The family peace has been shattered by their arguments, but we have agreed that we will abide by your decision in the matter.

Answer—Primarily, whether a man should wear a mustache or not depends upon the kind of mouth he has. If it is an ugly mouth, lambskins are highly desirable to hide it, but if it is a pretty mouth, why not give the world a treat by exhibiting it? For the little patch of hair that some men wear under their noses and looks as if its owner had forgotten his "hanky," no justification can be offered. It is an offence against all rules of beauty.

Of course, it may be said that a man has a right to wear any kind of facial adornment he chooses, but inasmuch as the wife has to look at him and he seldom sees himself, I think that he should be guided by her desires in the matter.

But a woman who has no fault to find with her husband says his mustache is so blessed that she could well overlook that flaw in him.

DOROTHY DIX.

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Uncle Ray's Corner

Ways of Ancient Rome

IL ROMAN PASTIMES
A rough and cruel form of amusement in ancient Rome was found in the arena. Almost every city and town in central and southern Italy had one or more arenas. At Pompeii, the city buried in ashes in the year 79, there was a popular arena; but the city of Rome itself was the chief centre for the ugly "sport."



A Roman chariot race.

Prisoners of war and prisoners from jails were forced to entertain the crowds. Sometimes men fought against lions and other fierce beasts brought to Italy from the jungles of Africa. At other times, men fought against man, while spectators filled the air with wild yells and shouts. The men who fought were known as "gladiators." A good poem to read is the "Address of Spartacus to the Gladiators." It tells of the feelings of a gladiator who had killed a friend in the arena.

The nearest things we now have

to fights in the Roman arena are prize-fights and bull-fights. A better form of amusement at Rome was the chariot race. Men drove four-horse teams around an oval track. Thousands of men and women watched the rivals, and the victor was hailed as a hero. Chariot races were leading features of "circus" performances in olden Rome.

Roman theatres drew smaller crowds than the arena or the race track but there were always persons who preferred to watch a play than to see a fight or a race. Some plays were intended to make people laugh. Others had a more serious purpose. It was usual for men to take the parts of women. Some of the actors were slaves.

To amuse small groups, there were jugglers who tossed balls about. Animals were trained to perform tricks.

(This story may be placed in the "History" section of your scrapbook.)

To-morrow—Roman Bath Palaces.

Uncle Ray

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TWO BANDITS ROB DRUGSTORE

Vancouver, Jan. 19—Two masked men held up the Strathcona Pharmacy on West Boulevard here late yesterday evening and rifled the till of \$45.

J. B. Warner, manager, his wife and a messenger ordered to move to the back of the store while the men looted the till. The bandits then dashed to the front door and escaped in an automobile.

Mr. And Mrs.

THINK I'LL GET A HAIRCUT TODAY
IF YOU DO, DON'T LET THEM CUT IT SO CLOSE



THEY ALWAYS CUT YOUR HAIR TOO SHORT AROUND THE EARS. TELL THEM NOT TO USE THE CLIPPERS



I'LL JUST HAVE IT TRIMMED. STRAY ENDS OFF WITH THE SCISSORS, THAT'S ALL



THAT EVENING

HOW'S IT LOOK?

OH—WHAT IS THE USE!



Mutt And Jeff

MRS. MUTT'S SISTER IS IN A FINE KETTLE OF PREJUDICES

A LAWYER STOLE HALF HER LOVE LETTER.

MUTT'S SISTER IS IN A FINE KETTLE OF PREJUDICES

SISTER, THE LAWYER HAD A LONG NOSE—EYES LIKE LEAKS IN A HOT WATER BOTTLE—AND A NECK LIKE A KITCHEN MOP. HE TOOK HALF THE LETTER.



THAT WAS NO LAWYER—THAT WAS MUTT. HE'S SO CROOKED A DOCTOR HAD TO REMOVE HIS TONSILS WITH A CORSECREW. I'LL HAVE HIM ARRESTED IF IT'S THE LAST SEVEN THINGS I DO



YOUR HONOR, THE CHARGE IS IMPERSONATING A LAWYER.



IT'S A CRIME WITH THE KIND OF LAWYERS THEY GOT NOWADAYS!



The Gumps

WHEN BIM GUMP'S MARRIAGE PLANS FELL THROUGH—HE WAS LEFT AN ORPHAN ON MATRIMONY'S FRONT DOOR

A MILLION DOLLAR BABY—JUST SITTING THERE AND WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO GRAB HIM—WHO WILL BE THE LUCKY ONE?



UP FOR GRABS—

JUST THINK OF IT, GIRLS—HERE IS YOUR CHANCE—BIM GUMP IS LOOSE—HE IS FREE—AND IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A HUSBAND—PICK 'EM RIGHT—HERE IS A MAN WITH A SPOTLESS REPUTATION—A CLEAN LIVER—HE IS KIND—GENEROUS TO A FAULT—A GENTLEMAN—A BACHELOR—WITH NO TIES—HE IS ON THE MARKET—AND THINK OF THE FORTUNE THAT GOES WITH HIM—LOOK AT IT! JUST WAITING FOR THE RIGHT GIRL!



ZIP—

RIGHT OFF THE BAT—



Ella Cinders

MIKE, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THE HUSKIEST FELLOW YOU HAVE ON THE BUILDING!



I'LL SEND FOR TOMMY HARRIS—HE'S QUITE A BOY! ANY TIME YOU WANT TWENTY MEN IN A HURRY, CALL HIM!



—AND IN BUSINESS I HAVE ALWAYS OVERCOME EVERY OBSTACLE! IN LOVE, MY POLICY IS THE SAME!



IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN YOU CALL ON YOUR GIRL TONIGHT, YOU WANT ME TO REMOVE EVERY DETURBING ELEMENT! HOW BIG IS THE FELLOW?



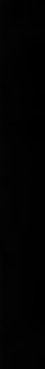
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM! HERE'S THE ADDRESS AT WHICH I SHALL EXPECT YOU! CAN YOU HANDLE THE SITUATION?



WELL, IF I NEED ANY HELP, I'LL SHOUT THREE TIMES, BUT IF YOU HEAR THREE SHOUTS, IT'LL BE THE OTHER FELLOW, SO DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO IT!



HOY SHOKES! IT'S ELLA'S ADDRESS! SO HE'S MY RIVAL, EH! AND I'M THE GUY HE HIRED ME TO THROW OUT!



Bringing Up Father

WHEN THE BLUE OF THE NIGHT MEETS THE GOLD OF YOUR HAIR



BY GOLLY I'VE WRITTEN THAT ON ME INCOME TAX BLANK SIX TIMES NOW—



I'LL HAVE TO GO TO ME OFFICE SO AS I'LL NOT BE INTERRUPTED—



NOW—LET'S SEE? FER BEIN' MARRIED—I'M ALLOWED—BAH! I SHOULD BE GETTIN' A PENSION—WELL—



AH! I NOTICED THE LIGHT IN YOUR OFFICE WINDOW GONG—SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP IN AND CHAT AWHILE—I HAVE A POEM—OLD TOPPER—I'D LIKE TO READ IT TO YOU—



OU!



Boots And Her Buddies

I GOT HERE JOKE AS I COULD! (YUFF YUFF)



SO I SEE! YOU'RE ALL OUT OF BREATH—YOU'D BETTER SIT DOWN



WELL, SONNY—I HAVE SOME GREAT NEWS FOR YOU ABOUT THAT DIAMOND OF YOURS



GEE—WHAT'S IT WORTH?



IT'S A LONG STORY! BLESS MY SOUL—SOUNDS LIKE A FAIRY TALE—BUT, THIS IS THE BONA FIDE REPORT FROM THE STONE, I RECEIVED TODAY FROM MY AGENT IN PARIS



GOSH! HOW MUCH IS IT WORTH?



WELL, HAVE TO BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING! IT'S HISTORY DATES BACK TO THE DAYS OF JOSEPHINE! IN FACT, IT WAS ORIGINALLY IN HER POSSESSION! THINK OF IT—EMPERESS JOSEPHINE—THE WIFE OF BONAPARTE



